ORDINANCE NO. O-019-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL AMENDING THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING CHAPTER 82 TAXATION, ARTICLE III CITY OF LAFAYETTE SALES AND USE TAX, DIVISION 4 COLLECTION, SECTION 142 COMPENSATION OF DEALERS FOR COLLECTING TAX AND CHAPTER 82 TAXATION, ARTICLE IV PARISH SALES AND USE TAX, DIVISION 4 COLLECTION BY DEALER, SECTION 350 COMPENSATION OF DEALERS FOR COLLECTING TAX

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City-Parish Council, that:

WHEREAS, City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593, which became effective on May 31, 1961, City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 2901 which became effective July 1,1985 and Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259, which was adopted on May 25, 1972, levied sales taxes and provided for the collection thereof and other matters in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.10 of City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593, Section 3.03 of City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 2901, prescribes the tax shall be collected in the same manner as Ordinance 593 adopted in 1961, and Section 4.10 of Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259 all of which grant dealers compensation in the amount of two percent (2%) for timely payment of collected sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Council desires to make amendments to City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593 and Ordinance No. 2901, and Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259, which have been codified into Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances Chapter 82 Taxation, by deleting Chapter 82 Taxation, Article III City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax, Division 4 Collection, Section 142 Compensation of dealers for collecting tax and Chapter 82 Taxation, Article IV Parish Sales and Use Tax, Division 4 Collecting by Dealer, Section 350 Compensation for collecting tax. In doing so, dealers shall no longer be permitted compensation for accounting and remitting the sales tax levied by said ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City-Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforedescribed "WHEREAS" clauses are herein adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Sections 86:142 and 86:350 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances are hereby deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 3: Dealers shall not be allowed to take compensation, (vendor's compensation), in accounting for and remitting the sales tax previously authorized by the City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593 effective May 31, 1961, the City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 2901,

effective July 1, 1985 and the Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259 which was adopted May 25, 1972, sales tax ordinances.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall become effective upon the signature of the Lafayette City-Parish President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette City-Parish President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

ORDINANCE NO. 593

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING WITHIN THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, A TAX OF ONE FER CENT (1%) AN ORDINANCE LEVILING WITHIN THE CITY OF LAFAIETTE, STATE OF LOUISLANA, A TAX OF ONE FER CENT (176)
UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION, AND THE STORAGE FOR USE OR
CONSUMPTION OF TAXGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES IN SAID CITY, ALL AS DEFINED
HEREIN; DEFINING THE TERMS "TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY", "DEALERS", "SALE", "RETAIL SALES",
"SALES PRICE", "COST PRICE", "LEASE OR RENTAL", "STORAGE", "USE", "SALES OF SERVICES", AND OTHER
TERMS USED HEREIN, LEAGUE AND REQUIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT COLLECTION AND REPLICATION TERMS USED HEREIN; LEVYING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION, PAYMENT AND DEDICATION OF SUCH TAX AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX MAY BE EXPENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW; DEFINING VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE COLLECTION OF THE TAX LEVIED THEREBY; PROVIDING THAT ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE WHICH MAY BE HELD INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL SHALL NOT AFFECT OR IMPAIR ANY OTHER PROVISION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES AS MAY CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Sub-Part D, Part I, Chapter 6, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:2711, et. seq.), the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "City") is authorized to levy and collect within the City a tax of one per cent (1%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services as defined in Sections 301 to 317, inclusive, of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Section 2712 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election was held in the City on May 13, 1961, to authorize the levy and collection of said tax, and the proposition which was submitted at said election and duly approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in said election, was as follows:

"Shall the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, under the provisions of Sub-Part D, Part I, Chapter 6, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:2711, et. seq.), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one per cent (1%) per annum upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said City, as defined in R.S. 47:301 to 47:317, inclusive, with the revenues derived from said sales and use tax to be dedicated and used for the purposes of opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing and improving streets, sidewalks and bridges; constructing and purchasing street lighting facilities; constructing and improving drains, drainage canals and and sub-surface drainage; constructing and purchasing fire department stations and equipment; constructing and purchasing police department stations and equipment; constructing and purchasing garbage disposal and health and sanitation equipment and facilities; constructing public buildings; purchasing, constructing and improving public parks and recreational facilities and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor; purchasing equipment for civil defense; constructing, acquiring or improving any work of permanent public improvement; and purchasing and acquiring all equipment and furnishings for the public works, buildings, improvements and facilities in the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, or for any one or more of said purposes, title to which shall be in the public?"; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid Statutes and said election of May 13, 1961, it is the desire of this Board of Trustees to levy said tax and provide for the collection thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said City, that:

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.

As used in this ordinance the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Sections 1.01 to 1.23, inclusive, of this ordinance, except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

SECTION 1.01.

"Agricultural Commodity" shall mean horticultural, viticultural, poultry, farm and range products and livestock and livestock products.

SECTION 1.02.

"Business" shall include any activity engaged in by any person or caused to be engaged in by him with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect. The term "business shall not be construed in this ordinance to include the occasional and isolated sales or transactions by a person who does not hold himself out as engaged in business.

SECTION 1.03.

"Cost Price" shall mean the actual cost of the articles of tangible personal property without any deductions therefrom on account of the cost of materials used, labor or service cost, transportation charges or any other expenses whatsoever.

SECTION 1.04.

"Dealer" shall include every person who:

(1) manufactures or produces tangible personal property for sale at retail, for use

or consumption, or distribution or for storage to be used or consumed in this City;
(2) imports, or causes to be imported, tangible personal property from any State, or other political subdivision of this State, or foreign country, for sale at retail, for use o sumption, or distribution, or for storage to be used or consumed in this City.

(3) sells at retail, or who offers to sell at retail, or who has in his possession sale at retail, or for use, or consumption, or distribution, or storage to be used or consumed

this City, tangible personal property;
(4) has sold at retail, or used, or consumed, or distributed or stored for use or consumption in this City, tangible personal property and who cannot prove that the tax levied b this ordinance has paid on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, or t storage of said tangible personal property;

(5) leases, or rents tangible personal property for a consideration, permitting the

or possession of such property without transferring title thereto;
(6) is the lessee or rentee of tangible personal property and who pays to the owner such property a consideration for the use or possession of such property without acquiring titl

(7) sells or furnishes any of the services subject to tax under this ordinance;

(8) purchases or receives any of the services subject to tax under this ordinance;

(9) is engaging in business in this City.

SECTION 1.05.

"Distraint" or "Distrain" shall mean the right to levy upon and seize and sell, or levying upon or seizing and selling, any property or rights to property of the delimquent deal by the officer charged with the collection of the tax for the purpose of satisfying any tax, in or penalties due under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 1.06.

"Engaging in business in this City" shall mean and include any of the following met of transacting business: maintaining directly, indirectly or through a subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse or other place of business or by having an agent, salesman, solicitor employee operating within the City under the authority of the seller or its subsidiary, irrespective of whether such place of business, agent, salesman, solicitor or emplo is located in the City permanently or temporarily, or whether such seller or subsidiary is qual to do business in the City; or by having within the City any choses in or causes of action, or property, or any liens on property, or any indebtedness due it in the City, protected by the law and courts of the City.

SECTION 1.07.

"Gross Sales" shall mean the sum total of all sales of tangible personal property, as hereinafter provided and defined, and sales of services without any deductions whatsoever of any kind or character, except as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 1.08.

"Hotel" shall mean and include any establishment engaged in the business of furnishi sleeping rooms primarily to transient guests where such establishment consists of ten (10) or more guest rooms under a single roof.

SECTION 1.09.

"Lease or Rental" shall mean the leasing or renting of tangible personal property and the possession or use thereof by the lessee or rentee for a consideration, without transfer the title of such property.

SECTION 1.10.

"New Article" shall mean the original stock in trade of the dealer and shall not be limited to newly manufactured articles. The original stock or article, whether it be a used article or not, shall be subject to the tax.

SECTION 1.11.

"City" shall mean the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 1.12.

"Person" shall include any individual, firm, co-partnership, joint venture, associat corporation, cooperative, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, any parish, city, municipality or public board, public commission or public or semi-public corporation, district c instrumentality or other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number.

SECTION 1.13.

"Purchaser" shall mean any person who acquires or receives any tangible personal property or the privilege of using any tangible personal property or receives any services pursuant to a transaction subject to tax under this chapter.

SECTION 1.14.

"Retail Sale" or "Sale at Retail" shall mean a sale to a consumer or to any person for any purpose other than for resale in the form of tangible personal property and a sale of

services, as hereinafter set forth, and shall mean and include all such transactions as the Trustee of Finance of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana (hereinafter referred to as the "Trustee of Finance of the City"), upon investigation, finds to be in lieu of sales; provided that sales for resale must be made in strict compliance with the rules and regulations issued by the Trustee of Finance of the City. Any dealer making a sale for resale, which is not in strict compliance with the rules and regulations, shall himself be liable for payment of the tax. (The term "Sale at Retail" does not include sales of materials for further processing into articles of tangible personal property for sale at retail, nor does it include an isolated or occasional sale of tangible personal property by a person not engaged in such business.)

SECTION 1.15.

"Retailer" shall mean and include every person engaged in the business of making sales at retail or for distribution, or use or consumption, or storage to be used or consumed in the City or any person rendering service taxable hereunder.

SECTION 1.16.

"Sale" shall mean any transfer of title or possession, or both, exchange, barter, lease or rental, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means, whatsoever, of tangible personal property, for a consideration, and includes the fabrication of tangible personal property for consumers who furnish, either directly or indirectly, the materials used in fabrication work, and the furnishing, preparing or serving, for a consideration, of any tangible personal property, consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing or serving such tangible personal property. A transaction whereby the possession of property is transferred but the seller retains title as security for the payment of the price shall be deemed a sale.

The term "Sale" shall also include the "Sales of Services", which means and includes the

(1) the furnishing of rooms by hotels and tourist camps;

(2) the sale of admissions to places of amusement, to athletic entertainment other than that of schools, colleges and universities, and recreational events, and the furnishing, for dues, fees, or other consideration, of the privilege of access to clubs or the privilege of having access to or the use of amusement, entertainment, athletic or recreational facilities;

(3) the furnishing of storage or parking privileges by auto hotels and parking lots and

(4) the furnishing of printing or overprinting, lithographic, multilith, blueprinting,

photostating or other similar services of reproducing written or graphic matter;
(5) the furnishing of laundry, cleaning, pressing and dyeing services, including by way of extension and not of limitation, the cleaning and renovation of clothing, furs, furniture, carpets and rugs, and the furnishing of storage space for clothing, furs, and rugs;

(6) the furnishing of cold storage space and the furnishing of the service of perparing tangible personal property for cold storage, where such service is incidental to the

operation of storage facilities;

(7) the furnishing of repairs to tangible personal property, including by way of illustration and not of limitation, the repair and servicing of automobiles and other vehicles, electrical and mechanical appliances and equipment, watches, jewelry, refrigerators, radios, shoes, and office appliances and equipment.

SECTION 1.17.

"Sales Price" shall mean the total amount for which tangible personal property is sold, including any services, except services for financing that are a part of the sale valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and includes the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, except costs for financing which shall not exceed the legal interest rate and a service charge not to exceed six (6) per cent of the amount financed, and losses; provided that cash discounts allowed and taken on sales shall not be included, nor shall the sales price include the amount charged for labor or services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling or repairing property sold.

SECTION 1.18.

"Storage" shall mean and include any keeping or retention in the City of tangible personal property for use or consumption in the City or for any purpose other than for sale at retail in the regular course of business.

SECTION 1.19.

"Tangible Personal Property" shall mean and include personal property which may be seen, weighed, measured, felt or touched, or is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. The term "tangible personal property" shall not include stocks, bonds, notes, or other obligations

SECTION 1.20.

"Tourist Camps" shall mean and include any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing rooms, cottages or cabins to tourists or other transient guests, where the number of guest rooms, cottages or cabins at a single location is six or more.

SECTION 1.21. "Trustee of Finance" shall mean and include the Trustee of Finance of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, or his duly authorized assistants.

SECTION 1.22. "Use" shall mean and include the exercise of any rights of power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership thereof, except that it shall not include the sale at retail of that property in the regular course of business.

SECTION 1.23.

"Use Tax" shall include the use, the consumption, the distribution and the storage for use or consumption, as herein defined.

IMPOSITION OF TAX

SECTION 2.01.

There is hereby levied from and after July 1, 1961, for the purposes stated in the proposition set forth in the preamble to this ordinance, a tax upon the sale at retail, the v the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within said City, as defined herein (hereinafter sometimes

referred to as the "tax"); and the levy of such tax shall be as follows:

(1) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail in the City; the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the City, and to include each and

(2) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the City; provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.

(3) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as defined herein, where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.

(4) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee to the owner of

the tangible personal property.

(5) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the sale (services, as defined herein.

SECTION 2.02.

The tax shall be collected from the dealer, as defined herein, and paid at the time and in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2.03.

The tax so levied is, and shall be in addition to all other taxes, whether levied form of excise, or license, privilege or property taxes levied by any other ordinance or resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City.

SECTION 2.04.

The integrated bracket schedule prescribed by the Collector of Revenue, State of Louisiana, by order issued pursuant to Section 304 of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statut of 1950 (R.S. 47:304) is established for the purpose of tax collection within the meaning of this ordinance, said schedule in part being as follows:

Amount Subject to Tax	Tax to be Collected
\$0.01 to \$0.12 0.13 to 0.42 0.43 to 0.82 0.83 to 1.12	\$.00 .01 .02

On sales above \$1.00, the tax shall be \$0.03 on each full dollar plus the above rates on a fractional part of a dollar.

SECTION 2.05.

The collection of the tax herein levied shall be made in the name of the City of Lafayette by the Trustee of Finance of the City.

EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM TAX

SECTION 3.01.

The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall not apply to transactions involving the following tangible personal property:

(1) sales of used articles taken in trade, or a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new article, provided the tax levied by this ordinance is paid or the full gross sales of the new article;

(2) the sale at retail, use, consumption, distribution and storage to be used or consumed in the City, of gasoline, natural gas, steam, water when delivered to consumers through mains, pipes or conduits, electric power or energy newspapers, fertilizers and containers used for farm products when sold directly to the farmer;

(3) ship chandlers' supplies sold in the City for use or consumption in coastwise and foreign maritime commerce and materials sold or used in the repair of vessels engaged in

coastwise and foreign maritime commerce;

(4) the gross proceeds derived from the sale in the City of livestock, poultry and farm products direct from the farm if such sales are made directly by the producers. When sales of livestock, poultry and other farm products are made to consumers by any person, other than producer, they are not exempted from the tax imposed by this ordinance, provided, however, that each and every agricultural commodity sold by any person, other than a producer, to any other person, civil or natural, who purchases not for direct consumption but for the purpose of acquiring raw products for the use or for sale in the process of preparing, finishing or manufacturing such agricultural commodity for the ultimate retail consumer trade, shall be, and is, exempted from any and all provisions of this ordinance, including payment of the tax applicable to the sale, storage, use, transfer, or any other utilization of, or handling thereof, except when such agricultural commodity is actually sold as a marketable or finished product to the ultimate consumer, and in no case, shall more than one tax be exacted;

(5) the "use tax" shall not apply to livestock and livestock products, to poultry and poultry products, to farm, range and agricultural products when produced by the farmer and

used by him and members of his family; and

(6) the sale at retail of seeds for use in planting of any kind of crops.

SECTION 3.02. It is not the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax upon articles of tangible personal property imported into the City, or produced or manufactured in the City, for export; nor is it the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax on a bona fide interstate commerce. It is, however, the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in the City of tangible personal property after it has come to rest in the City and has become a part of the mass of property in the City. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply in respect to the use, or consumption, or distribution, or storage of tangible personal property for use or consumption in the City, upon which a like tax equal to, or greater than the amount imposed by this ordinance has been paid in another city or parish in Louisiana, or in a city or county in a state other than Louisiana, the proof of the payment of such tax to be according to rules and regulations made by the Trustee of Finance of the City. If the amount of tax paid in a city or parish in Louisiana, or in a city or county in a state other than Louisiana is not equal to, or greater than the amount of tax imposed by this ordinance, then the dealer shall pay to the City of Lafayette an amount sufficient to make the tax paid in the other city or parish in Louisiana, or in the other city or county in a state other than Louisiana, equal to the amount of tax imposed by

SECTION 3.03. In compliance with Section 2716 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:2716), it is not the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax on the sale of any goods or tangible personal property delivered or services performed outside the territorial limits

COLLECTION OF TAX BY DEALER

SECTION 4.01.

The tax levied by this ordinance shall be collected by the dealer from the purchaser or consumer. The dealer shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from the purchaser, or in respect to nonpayment of the tax by the purchaser, as if the tax were a part of the purchase price of the property, or charges for services, and payable at the time of the sale; provided, however, that the City of Lafayette shall be joined as a party plaintiff in any action or proceeding brought by the dealer to collect the tax.

SECTION 4.02.

Every dealer located outside the City making sales of tangible personal property for distribution, storage, use or other consumption, in the City shall, at the time of making sales, collect the tax imposed by this ordinance from the purchaser.

SECTION 4.03.

The dealer, shall, as far as practicable, add the exact amount of the tax imposed under this ordinance, or the average equivalent thereof, in conformity with the rules and regulations to be issued by the Trustee of Finance of the City, to the sale price or charge, and, when added, such tax shall constitute a part of such price or charge and shall be a debt from the purchaser or consumer to the dealer, until paid and shall be recoverable at law, in the same manner as other debts.

SECTION 4.04.

In order to aid in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, and to collect all of the taxes imposed by this ordinance, on or before July 1, 1961, or in the case of dealers commencing business after July 1, 1961, or opening new places of business after such date, within three (3) days after such commencement or opening, every dealer purchasing or importing tangible personal property for resale shall file with the Trustee of Finance of the City a certificate of registration in a form prescribed by him. The Trustee of Finance of the City shall, within five (5) days after such registration, issue without charge to each dealer who purchases or imports for resale, a certificate of authority empowering such dealer to collect the tax from the purchaser, and duplicates thereof, for each additional place of business to which it is applicable. Such certificate of authority shall be prominently displayed in the places of business of the dealer. A dealer who has no regular place of doing business shall attach such certificate to his cart, stand, truck or other merchandising device. Such certificate shall be non-assignable and non-transferable and shall be surrendered immediately to the Trustee of Finance of the City upon the dealer ceasing to do business at the place therein

SECTION 4.05.

A wholesale dealer or jobber shall refuse to accept a certificate that any propert upon which a tax is imposed by this ordinance is purchased for resale, and shall collect the tax imposed by this ordinance, unless the purchaser shall have filed a certificate of registra and received a certificate of authority to collect the tax imposed by this ordinance; provided however, that the payment of the tax by such purchaser shall not relieve the purchaser of the duty herein imposed upon such purchaser to collect the tax upon any resale made by him; but such purchaser who shall thereafter file a certificate of registration and receive a certificate of authority to collect the tax may, upon application therefor, receive a refund of the taxes paid by him upon property thereafter resold by him, and upon the receipts from which he shall have collected and paid over to the City of Lafayette the tax herein imposed.

SECTION 4.06.

With respect to sales of automobiles and all kinds of motor vehicles that are subject to tax by this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the dealer to give to the purchaser at the time of the sale, an invoice signed by the dealer, showing the serial number, motor number, type and model of the motor vehicle, and whether or not the tax, if any, imposed by the ordinance has been paid. In the event that no tax is due under this ordinance, for any reason, the dealer shall state said reason on the invoice.

Each dealer is required to file a copy of all such invoices with the Trustee of Finance of the City. These invoices shall be in numerical order and if an invoice is spoiled (cancelled it must be filed with a statement as to the reason for its spoiling or cancellation. The Trustee of Finance of the City, if deemed necessary, may by rules and regulations require a dealers ingaged in selling automobiles and motor vehicles of all kinds to make a report every fifteen (15) days showing all sales of automobiles and other motor vehicles which are not subject to tax, giving the name and address of each purchaser and description, including serial number, motor number, type and model of each automobile or motor vehicle that has been sold. during the period covered by the report.

SECTION 4.07.

A person engaged in any business taxable under this ordinance shall not advertise or hold out to the public, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that he will absorb all or part of the tax, or that he will relieve the purchaser from the payment of all or any part of t tax. The dealer shall state and collect the tax separately from the price paid by the purchase but his failure to do so shall not be available as a defense to the purchaser in any proceeding brought under this ordinance.

SECTION 4.08.

Where the tax collected for any period is in excess of one per cent (1%), the total collected must be paid over to the Trustee of Finance of the City less the commission to be allowed the dealer as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 4.09.

Where the purchaser has failed to pay and a dealer has failed to collect a tax upon a sale, as imposed by this ordinance, then in addition to all other rights, obligations and remedies provided, such tax shall be payable by the purchaser directly to the City of Lafayette, and it shall be the duty of this purchaser to file a return thereof with the Trustee of Finance of the City and to pay the tax imposed thereon to the City of Lafayette within fifteen (15) days after such sale was made or rendered.

SECTION 4.10.

For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by this ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed two per cent (2%) of the amount of tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Trustee of Finance of the City in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him if the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment.

COLLECTION OF TAX FROM DEALER

SECTION 5.01.

The tax imposed by this ordinance shall be collectible by the Trustee of Finance of the City on behalf of the City from all persons engaged as dealers.

SECTION 5.02.

On all tangible personal property imported, or caused to be imported, from other states or other political subdivisions of this State, or foreign country, and used by him, the dealer shall pay the tax imposed by this ordinance on all articles of tangible personal property so imported and used, the same as if the said articles had been sold at retail for use or consumption in the City. For the purpose of this ordinance, use or consumption, or distribution, or storage of tangible personal property, shall be equivalent to a sale at retail, and the tax shall thereupon immediately levy and be collected in the manner provided herein, provided there shall be no duplication of the tax in any event.

RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF TAX

SECTION 6.01.

The taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due and payable by all dealers monthly on the first day of the month.

SECTION 6.02.

For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tax payable under this ordinance, it shall be the duty of all dealers on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month following the month in which this tax shall become effective to transmit to the Trustee of Finance of the City, upon forms prescribed, prepared and furnished by him, returns showing the gross sales, purchases, gross proceeds from lease or rental, gross payments for lease or rental, gross proceeds derived from sales of services, or gross payment for services, as the case may be, arising from all taxable transactions during the preceding calendar month or during the part of the preceding calendar month, running from the effective date of this ordinance to the end of such month. Thereafter, like returns shall be prepared and transmitted to said Trustee of Finance of the City by all dealers, on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month, for the preceding calendar month. Said returns shall show such further information as the Trustee of Finance of the City may require to enable him to correctly compute and collect the tax herein levied. Such returns shall be signed by the dealer filing the same and his signature thereon shall constitute a warranty on the part of the dealer that he has read and examined the said returns and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the same are true, correct and complete. Every dealer at the time of making the return required hereunder shall compute and remit to the City of Lafayette the required tax due for the preceding calendar month.

SECTION 6.03.

At the time of transmitting the return required hereunder to the Trustee of Finance of the City, the dealer shall remit to the City of Lafayette therewith, the amount of the tax due under the applicable provisions of this ordinance, and failure to so remit such tax, shall cause said tax to become delinquent.

All taxes, interest and penalties imposed under this ordinance shall be paid to the City of Lafayette in the form of remittance required by the Trustee of Finance of the City.

SECTION 6.04.

Gross proceeds from rentals or leades of tangible personal property where the lease or rental is part of a regularly established business, or the same is incidental or germane thereto shall be reported and the tax shall be paid with respect thereto, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Trustee of Finance of the City may prescribe.

SECTION 6.05.

The Trustee of Finance of the City, for good cause, may extend for not to exceed thirty (30) days the time for making any returns required under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6.06.

For the purpose of collecting and remitting to the City the tax imposed by this ordinance, the dealer is hereby declared to be the agent of the City.

RECORDS AND INSPECTION THEREOF

SECTION 7.01.

It shall be the duty of every dealer to make a report and pay any tax under this ordinance, to keep and preserve suitable records of the sales or purchases or sales of service, as the case may be, taxable under this ordinance, and such other books of account as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax due hereunder, and other information as may be required by the Trustee of Finance of the City; and it shall be the duty of every such dealer moreover, to keep and preserve, for a period of three (3) years, all invoices and other records of goods, wares and merchandise or other subjects of taxation under this ordinance; and all such books, invoices and other records shall be open to examination at all reasonable hours, by the Trustee of Finance of the City or any of his duly authorized agents.

SECTION 7.02.

Each dealer shall secure, maintain and keep, for a period of three (3) years, a complete record of sales of services and tangible personal property received, used, sold at retail, distributed, or stored, leased or rented within the City by said dealer, together with invoices, bills of lading, and other pertinent records and papers as may be required by the Trustee of Finance of the City for the reasonable administration of this ordinance and all such records shall be open for inspection to the Trustee of Finance of the City at all reason-

SECTION 7.03.

In order to aid in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, and to collect all of the tax imposed by this ordinance, all wholesale dealers and jobbers in the City are hereby required to keep a record of all sales of tangible personal property made in the City, whether such sales be for cash or on terms of credit. The record required to be kept by all wholesale dealers and jobbers shall contain and include the name and address of the purchaser, the date of the purchase, the article or articles purchased and the price at which the article is sold to the purchaser. These records shall be open to inspection of the Trustee of Finance of the City or his duly authorized assistants at all reasonable hours.

SECTION 7.04.

For the purpose of administering this ordinance, the Trustee of Finance of the Cit whenever he deems it expedient, may make or cause to be made by an employee of the department engaged in the administration of this ordinance, an examination or investigation of the place of business, if any, the tangible personal property, and the books, records, papers, vouchers, accounts and documents of any dealer. It shall be the duty of every dealer and every director official, agent, or employee of every dealer, to exhibit to the Trustee of Finance of the City or to any such employee of his department charged with the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance, hereafter referred to as a "deputy", the tangible personal property and all of the books, records, papers, vouchers, accounts, and documents of the dealer and to facilitate any such examination or investigation as far as it may be in his or their power so to do.

SECTION 7.05.

For the purpose of enforcing the collection of the tax levied by this ordinance, the Trustee of Finance of the City is hereby specifically authorized and empowered to examine, at all reasonable hours, the books, records, and other documents of all transportation compani agencies or firms operating in the City, whether said companies, agencies or firms conduct their business by truck, rail, water, airplane, or otherwise, in order to determine what dealers, as provided in this ordinance, are importing or are otherwise shipping articles of tangible personal property which are liable for said tax.

SECTION 7.06.

The Trustee of Finance of the City shall keep a record of all of his official acts and shall preserve copies of all rules, decisions and orders made by him or by any deputy of h department in charge of the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance. Copies of such rules, decisions or orders and of any paper or papers filed in any office maintained by him in the administration of this ordinance may be authenticated under his official signature, and when so authenticated, shall be evidence in all courts of the State of the same weight and force as the original thereof.

SECTION 7.07.

The records and files of the Trustee of Finance of the City respecting the administration of this ordinance shall be considered confidential and privileged and neither the Trustee of Finance of the City nor any employee engaged in the administration thereof or charged with the custody of any such records or files shall divulge or disclose any information obtained from such records or files or from any examination or inspection of the premises or property of any dealer. Neither the Trustee of Finance of the City nor any employee engaged in such administration or charged with the custody of any such records or files shall be required to produce any of them for the inspection of any person or for use in any action or proceeding except: (a) in an action or proceeding under the provisions of this ordinance; and (b) when the records or files or the facts shown thereby are directly involved in such action or proceeding.

SECTION 7.08.

Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent: (1) the delivery to a dealer or his duly authorized representative of a copy of any return, report or other paper filed by him pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance; (2) the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of any return or report and the items thereof;

(3) the inspection by the City Attorney or other legal representative of the City of the returns, reports or files relating to the claim of any dealer who shall have brought an action to review or set aside any tax imposed under this ordinance or against whom an action or proceeding has been instituted in accordance with the provisions hereof;

(4) the examination of the records and files by the Trustee of Finance of the

City or by his duly authorized agents; or

(5) the furnishing, in the discretion of the Trustee of Finance of the City of any information disclosed by the records or files to any official person or body of any other state or of the United States who shall be concerned with the administration of any similar tax by that state or the United States.

IMPORTED GOODS - PERMITS

SECTION 8.01.

In order to prevent the illegal importation into the City of tangible personal property which is subject to the tax, and to strengthen and make more effective the manner and method of enforcing payment of the tax imposed by this ordinance, the Trustee of Finance of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to put into operation a system of permits whereby any person, or dealer, may import tangible personal property by truck, automobile, or other means of transportation other than a common carrier, without having said truck, automobile or other means of transportation seized and subjected to legal proceedings for its forfeiture. Such system of permits shall require the person, or dealer who desires to import tangible personal property into the City, which property is subject to tax imposed by this ordinance, to apply to the Trustee of Finance of the City or his assistant for a permit stating the kind of vehicle to be used, the name of the driver, the license number of the vehicle, the kind or character of tangible personal property to be imported, the date, the name and address of the consignee, and such other information as the Trustee of Finance of the City may deem proper or necessary. Such permits shall be free of cost to the applicant and may be obtained at the office of the Trustee of Finance of the City.

REMEDIES FOR COLLECTION, INCLUDING INTEREST, PENALTIES, ETC.

SECTION 9.01.

For the purpose of the enforcement of this ordinance, and the collection of the tax levied hereunder, it is presumed that all tangible personal property, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, imported into the City or held in the City by any dealer is to be sold at retail, used or consumed, or stored for use or consumption in the City, or leased or rented within the City, and is subject to the tax herein levied; provided, that such presumption shall be prima facie only, and subject to proof furnished to the Trustee of Finance of the City.

SECTION 9.02.

Failure to pay any tax due as provided in this ordinance, shall ipso facto, without demand or putting in default, cause said tax, interest, penalties and costs to become immediately delinquent, and the City of Lafayette is hereby vested with authority, on motion in a court of competent jurisdiction, to take a rule on the said dealer, to show cause in not less than two (2) or more than ten (10) days, exclusive of holidays, after the service thereof, which may be tried our of term and in chambers, and shall always be tried by preference, why said dealer should not be ordered to cease from further pursuit of business as a dealer, and in case said rule is made absolute, the order thereon rendered shall be considered a judgment in favor of the City, prohibiting such dealer from the further pursuit of said business until such time as he has paid the said delinquent tax, interest, penalties and costs, and every violation of the injunction shall be considered as a contempt of court, and punished according to law.

SECTION 9.03.

If the amount of tax due by the dealer is not paid on or before the twentieth (20) day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due, there shall be collected, with said tax, interest upon said unpaid amount, at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, or fractional part thereof, to be computed from the first day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due until it is paid; and in addition to the interest that may be so due there shall also be collected a penalty equivalent to five per cent (5%) for each thirty (30) days, or fraction thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) in aggregate, of the tax due, when such tax is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date the tax first becomes due and payable, and in the event of suit, attorney's fees at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate of tax, interest and penalty.

SECTION 9.04.

In the event any dealer fails to make a report and pay the tax as provided by this ordinance, or in case the dealer makes a grossly incorrect report, or a report that is false or fradulent, it shall be the duty of the Trustee of Finance of the City to make an estimate for the taxable period of the retail sales, or sales of services, of such dealer, or of the gross proceeds from rentals or leases of tangible personal property by the dealer, and an estimate of the cost price of all articles of tangible personal property imported by the dealer for use or consumption or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in the City, and assess and collect the tax and interest, plus penalty, if such have accrued, on the basis of such assessment, which shall be considered prima facie correct, and the burden to show the contrary shall rest upon the dealer. In the event such estimate and assessment requires an examination of books, records, or documents, or an audit thereof, then the Trustee of Finance of the City shall add to the assessment the cost of such examination, together with any penalties accruing thereon. Such costs and penalties when collected shall be placed to the account of the "City Sales" Tax Fund" in the same manner as are the taxes collected under this ordinance.

If any dealer fails to make any return required by this ordinance or makes an incorrect return, and the circumstances indicate willful negligence or intentional disregard of rules and regulations, but no intent to defraud, there shall be imposed, in addition to any other penalties provided herein, a specific penalty of five per cent (5%) of the tax or deficiency found to be due, or Ten Dollars (\$10.00), whichever is the greater. This specific penalty shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were a part of the tax due and can be enforced either in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the tax.

SECTION 9.05.

If any dealer liable for any tax, interest or penalty hereunder shall sell out his business or stock of goods or shall quit the business, he shall make a final return and payment within fifteen (15) days after the date of selling or quitting business. His successor, successors or assigns, if any, shall withhold sufficient of the purchase money to cover the amount of such taxes, interest and penalties due and unpaid until such time as the former owner shall produce a receipt from the Trustee of Finance of the City showing that they have been paid, or a certificate stating that no taxes, interest, or penalties are due. If the purchaser of a business or stock of goods shall fail to withhold purchase money as provided, he shall be personally liable for the payment of the taxes, interest and penalties accrued and unpaid on account of the operation of the business by any former owner, owners or assignors.

SECTION 9.06.

In the event that any dealer is delinquent in the payment of the tax herein provided for, the Trustee of Finance of the City may give notice of the amount of such delinquency by registered mail to all persons having in their possession, or under their control, any credits or other personal property belonging to such dealer, or owing any debts to such dealer at the time of receipt by them of such notice and thereafter any person so notified shall neither transfer nor make any other disposition of such credits, other personal property, or debts until the Trustee of Finance of the City shall have consented to a transfer or disposition, or until thirty

(30) days have elapsed from and after the receipt of such notice. All persons so notified mus within five (5) days after receipt of such notice, advise the Trustee of Finance of the City of any and all such credits, other personal property, or debts, in their possession, under the control or owing by them, as the case may be.

SECTION 9.07.

In the event the dealer has imported tangible personal property and he fails to produce an invoice showing the cost price of the articles which are subject to tax, or the invoice does not reflect the true or actual cost price, then the Trustee of Finance of the Cit shall ascertain, in any manner feasible, the true cost price and assess and collect the tax wi with interest, plus penalties, if such have accrued, on the true cost price as assessed by him The assessment so made shall be considered prima facie correct, and the burden shall be on the dealer to show the contrary.

SECTION 9.08.

In the case of the lease or rental of tangible personal property, if the considers given or reported by the dealer does not, in the judgment of the Trustee of Finance of the Cit represent the true or actual consideration, then the Trustee of Finance of the City is authori to fix the same and collect the tax thereon for the City of Lafayette in the same manner as above provided (Sec. 9.07), with interest plus penalties, if such have accrued.

SECTION 9.09.

In the event any transportation company, agency, or firm shall refuse to permit examination of its books, records, and other documents by the Trustee of Finance of the City, the Trustee of Finance of the City may proceed by rule, in term or in chambers, in any court of competent jurisdiction and require said transportation company, agency or firm to show caus why the Trustee of Finance of the City should not be permitted to examine its books, records o other documents, and in case said rule be made absolute, the same shall be considered a judgment of the Court and every violation of said judgment as a contempt thereof and punished according to law.

SECTION 9.10.

If any dealer, subject to make and file a return required by any of the provisions of this ordinance, fails to render such return within the time required, or renders a return which is false or fraudulent, in that it contains statements which differ from the true gross sales, purchases, leases or rentals, or other transactions, taxable under this ordinance, or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, for the taxable period for wh said return is made, the Trustee of Finance of the City shall give such dealer fifteen (15) days' notice, in writing, requiring such dealer to appear before him, or his assistant, with such books, records and papers as he may require, relating to the business of such dealer, for such taxable period; and said Trustee of Finance of the City may require such dealer, or t agents or employees of such dealer, to give testimony or to answer interrogatories, under oath administered by the Trustee of Finance of the City or his assistants, respecting the sale at retail, the use, or consumption, or distribution, or storage for use or consumption, in the City, or lease or rental of tangible personal property, or other transactions, subject to tax, or the failure to make report thereof, as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 9.11.

If any dealer fails to make a return, or refuses to permit an examination of his, the dealer's books, records or papers, or to appear and answer questions within the scope of si investigation relating to the sale, use, consumption, distribution, storage lease or rental of tangible personal property, or sale of services, the Trustee of Finance of the City may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction, for an order requiring such dealer to make such return, or requiring the dealer, or his agents or employees, to appear and answer any such questions or permit such examination, and the court or any judge thereof, shall thereupon issue an order, upon such reasonable notice as shall be prescribed therein, to be served upon said dealer or the agents or employees of such dealer, directing him or them to so appear and testify, and to produce such books, records, and papers as may be required. Any person, or any member of any firm co-partnership, joint venture, association, or corporation, or any agent or employee thereof, failing to comply with any such order shall be guilty of contempt, and shall be punished as provided by law in cases of contempt.

SECTION 9.12.

The importation into the City of tangible personal property which is subject to ta truck, automobile, or other means of transportation other than a common carrier, without having first obtained a permit as described in Section 8 (if the tax imposed by this ordinance on said tangible personal property has not been paid), shall be construed as an attempt to evade paymer of the said tax and the same is hereby prohibited, and the said truck, automobile, or means of transportation other than a common carrier, and said taxable property may be seized by the City of Lafayette in order to secure the same as evidence in a trial and the same shall be subject to forfeiture and sale in the manner provided for in this ordinance.

SECTION 9.13.

The failure of any dealer who imports tangible personal property from outside the City into the City for use or consumption or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in the City, or who imports for lease or rental any tangible personal property subject to the provisions of this ordinance, to pay any tax, interest, penalties and costs delinquent and shall be construed as an attempt to avoid the payment of same which shall be sufficient

grounds for attachment of such tangible personal property wherever the same may be located or found, whether said delinquent dealer be a resident or non-resident of the City, and whether said tangible personal property is in the possession of said delinquent dealer or in the possession of other persons, firms, corporations or association of persons; provided, that it is the intention of this ordinance to prevent the disposition of the said tangible personal property in order to insure payment of the tax imposed by this ordinance, together with interest, penalties and costs, and authority to attach is hereby specifically authorized and granted to the City of Lafayette.

In addition to the penalties prescribed in this and the preceding section (Sec. 9.12), any person, or dealer, who shall violate the provisions thereof, upon conviction shall be fined in a sum of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in jail for a period of not more than ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. And, each importation or shipment by truck, automobile, or other means of transportation, other than a common carrier, found to be in violation of the provisions of these sections shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 9.14.

The liability of any person, or dealer arising from any tax, interest and penalty, or any of them, imposed by this ordinance, from the time they are due, shall be a personal debt of such person, or dealer to the City of Lafayette recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction in an action at law by the City. Such debts, whether sued upon or not, shall be a lien on all the property of such delinquent person, or dealer, except as against an innocent purchaser for value without notice in the actual course of business, and shall have preference in any distribution of the assets of the person, or dealer, whether in bankruptcy, insolvency, or otherwise. The proceeds of any judgment or order obtained hereunder shall be paid to the City of Lafayette.

SECTION 9.15.

The City of Lafayette may require a bond or other security satisfactory to the Trustee of Finance of the City for the payment of any taxes, fees, interest and penalties, or any of them, imposed pursuant to this ordinance when he shall find that the collection thereof may be prejudiced

SECTION 9.16.

If any person, or dealer shall fail to make a return or report as required by this ordinance, the Trustee of Finance of the City, within three (3) years after the last day on which the omitted report could have been filed without penalty, may make an estimate of the amount of taxes such person, or dealer is liable to pay under the terms of this ordinance, from any information he is able to conveniently obtain, and according to such estimate so made by him, assess the taxes, fees, penalties and interest due the City from such person, or dealer, give notice of such assessment to such person, or dealer, and must make demand upon him for payment, or otherwise the said claim shall prescribe.

SECTION 9.17.

After a return or report is filed under the provisions of this ordinance, the Trustee of Finance of the City shall cause to be examined and make such further audit or investigation as he may deem necessary, and if therefrom, he shall determine that there is a deficiency with respect to the payment of any tax due under this ordinance, he shall assess the additional amount of tax, and any penalties and interest, or either of them due the City of Lafayette from such person, or dealer, and make demand upon him for payment.

SECTION 9.18.

If the Trustee of Finance of the City finds that any person, dealer liable for the payment of any tex under this ordinance designs quickly to depart from the City or to remove therefrom his or its property, subject to any lien under the provisions of this ordinance, or to discontinue business, or to do any other act tending to prejudice or render wholly, or partly ineffectual any proceedings that might be instituted to collect such tax, whereby it shall have become important that such proceedings be instituted without delay, the Trustee of Finance of the City may make an arbitrary assessment as herein provided, whether or not any return or report is then due by law, and may proceed under such arbitrary assessment to collect the tax, or demand security for it, and thereafter shall cause notice of such findings to be given to such dealer, together with a demand for an immediate return or report, and immediate payment of such tax.

All taxes, penalties and interest assessed pursuant to the provisions of the last three preceding sections, shall be paid within fifteen (15) days after notice and demand shall have been mailed to the dealer liable therefor by the City of Lafayette. If such taxes, penalties and interest so assessed shall not be paid within such fifteen (15) days, there shall be added to the amount assessed, in addition to interest as hereinbefore provided, and any other penalties provided by this ordinance, a sum equivalent to five per cent (5%) of the tax.

SECTION 9.19.

If any dealer against whom taxes have been assessed under the provisions of this ordinance, shall refuse or neglect to pay such taxes within the time prescribed in this ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Trustee of Finance of the City, or his duly authorized representative, who is charged with the enforcement of collection of such taxes, to enforce collection of such taxes, together with such interest and other additional amounts as are added by law, by distraint and sale of any property or rights to property belonging to the delinquent dealer.

SECTION 9.20.

Any dealer who shall neglect, fail or refuse to collect the tax as provided in Sect 4.01 through 4.10 of this ordinance, upon any, every and all retail sales made by him, or his agent, or employee, which is subject to tax, shall be liable for any pay the tax himself.

SECTION 9.21.

For any one of the following violations, in addition to being liable for the other penalties provided herein, the party named shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in jail fc not more than three (3) months, or both, in the discretion of the court:

(1) any person who as a purchaser is obligated to report and pay the tax imposed up any purchase made by him under Sections 4.01 through 4.10 of this ordinance, and who fails, neglects, and refuses to file a return thereof with the Trustee of Finance of the City and pay tax imposed thereon, within the time stated after such sale is made;

(2) any dealer who shall fail, neglect or refuse to collect the tax as provided in Sections 4.01 through 4.10 of this ordinance, whether by himself or through his agents or

(3) any dealer violating the provisions of Sections 9.05 and 9.06 of this ordinance (4) any dealer who fails to permit an inspection of records by the Trustee of Finance of the City as provided in Section 7.01 of this ordinance;

(5) any wholesale dealer or jobber in the City who fails to keep records, or fails to permit an inspection thereof by the Trustee of Finance of the City as provided in Section 7.03 of this ordinance;

(6) any dealer, wholesale dealer or jobber who violates the provisions of Sections

4.04 and 4.05 of this ordinance;

(?) any dealer who violates the provisions of Section 7.02 of this ordinance; (8) any dealer failing or refusing to furnish any return as provided in Sections 6.01 through 6.06 of this ordinance, or failing or refusing to furnish a supplemental return or other data required by the Trustee of Finance of the City;

(9) any dealer required to make, render, sign or verify any return, as provided in Sections 6.01 through 6.06 of this ordinance, who makes a false or fraudulent return, with inter

to evade a tax hereby levied;

(10) the president, executive officers, managers and directors of any corporation, who shall violate the provisions of Section 9.22 of this ordinance; provided that such fine and imprisonment shall not prevent other action against the corporation as otherwise provided in the ordinance for the recovery of the tax, interest and penalties that may be due; and

(11) any person who shall violate any other provisions of this ordinance, punishment

for which is not otherwise herein provided.

SECTION 9.22.

No corporation organized under the laws of the State shall hereafter be dissolved, or effect a merger, reorganization, or consolidation under any law of the State by the action of the stockholders or by the decree of any Court until all taxes, fees, penalties and interest imposed on the corporation in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance shall have been p in full. No foreign corporation which has obtained authority from this State to transact busine in the City may surrender such authority and withdraw from this State until all taxes, fees, penalties, interest and other charges imposed upon said corporation in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance shall have been fully paid.

SECTION 9.23. Any person or dealer who shall fail to pay any tax levied by this ordinance on or before the day when such tax shall be required by this ordinance to be paid, shall pay in additi to the tax, interest on the tax at the rate specified in Section 9.03 of this ordinance, for eac month or fraction thereof that the tax remains unpaid, to be calculated from the date the tax was originally due to the date of actual payment.

In addition, such person, or dealer shall pay any special penalty or penalties

provided by this ordinance.

SECTION 9.24.

All penalties and interest imposed by this ordinance shall be payable to and recoverable by the City of Lafayette in the same manner as if they were part of the tax imposed. If the failure to pay any such tax when due is explained to the satisfaction of the Trustee of Finance of the City, he may remit or waive payment of the whole or any part of any penalty, and may remit and waive payment of any interest charged in excess of the rate of one-half of one per cent (1/2%) per month.

REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

SECTION 10.01.

In the event purchases are returned to the dealer by the purchaser or consumer after the tax imposed by this ordinance has been collected or charged to the account of the consumer or user, the dealer shall be entitled to reimbursement of the amount of tax so collected or charged by him, in the manner prescribed by the Trustee of Finance of the City and in case the ta has not been remitted by the dealer to the City of Lafayette, the dealer may deduct the same in submitting his return. Upon receipt of a sworn statement of the dealer as to the gross amount of such refunds during the period covered by such sworn statement, which period shall not be longer than ninety (90) days, the City of Lafayette, through the Trustee of Finance of the City, shall issue to the dealer an official credit memorandum equal to the net amount remitted by the

dealer for such tax collected. Such memorandum shall be accepted by the City of Lafayette at full face value from the dealer to whom it is issued, in the remittance for subsequent taxes accrued under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 10.02.

If any dealer shall have given to the Trustee of Finance of the City notice within the time provided in Section 10.01 of this ordinance, such dealer thereafter, at any time within two (2) years after the payment of any original or additional tax assessed against him, may file with the Trustee of Finance of the City a claim under oath for refund, in such form as the Trustee of Finance of the City may prescribe, stating the grounds thereof. However, no claim for refund shall be required or permitted to be filed with respect to a tax paid, after protest has been filed with the Trustee of Finance of the City as hereinafter provided, or after proceeding on appeal has been finally determined.

SECTION 10.03.

If, upon examination of such claim for refund, it shall be determined by the Trustee of Finance of the City that there has been an overpayment of tax, the amount of such overpayment shall be credited against any liability of any dealer under this ordinance, and if there be no such liability, the said dealer shall be entitled to a refund of the tax so overpaid. If the Trustee of Finance of the City shall reject the claim for refund in whole or in part he shall make an order accordingly and serve notice upon such dealer.

SECTION 10.04.

Where no question of fact or law is involved, and it appears from the records of the City of Lafayette that any moneys have been erroneously or illegally collected from any dealer, or have been paid by any dealer under a mistake of fact or law, the Trustee of Finance of the City may, at any time within two (2) years of payment, upon making a record in writing of his reasons therefor, certify that any dealer is entitled to such refund and thereupon the Trustee of Finance of the City shall authorize the payment thereof, from any appropriation available for such purposes.

SECTION 10.05.

When, to secure compliance with any of the provisions of this ordinance any moneys shall have been deposited with the City of Lafayette by any dealer, and shall have been paid over to the City of Lafayette and the Trustee of Finance of the City shall be satisfied that such dealer has fully complied with all such provisions, the Trustee of Finance of the City shall so certify and authorize repayment from any appropriations available for such purpose to such dealer of such moneys, or such part thereof as the Trustee of Finance of the City shall certify has not been applied by him to the satisfaction of any indebtedness arising under this ordinance.

REFEDIES OF THE DEALER

SECTION 11.01.

A right of action is hereby created to afford a remedy at law for any dealer aggrieved by the provisions of this ordinance; and in case of any such dealer resisting the payment of any amount found due, or the enforcement of any provisions of such laws in relation thereto, such dealer shall pay the amount found due by the Trustee of Finance of the City and shall give the Trustee of Finance of the City notice, at the time, of his intention to file suit for the recovery of the same; and upon receipt of such notice the amount so paid shall be segregated and held by the Trustee of Finance of the City for a period of thirty (30) days; and if suit be filed within such time for recovery of such amount, such funds so segregated shall be further held, pending the outcome of such suit. If the dealer prevails, the Trustee of Finance of the City shall refund the amount to the claimant, with interest at the rate of two per cent (2%) per annum covering the period from the date the said funds were received by the City of Lafayette to the date of refund.

SECTION 11.02.

This section shall afford a legal remedy and right of action in any State, City or Federal court having jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter, for a full and complete adjudication of any and all questions arising in the enforcement of this ordinance, as to the legality of any tax accrued or accruing or the method of enforcement thereof. In such actions service shall be upon the Trustee of Finance of the City of Lafayette.

SECTION 11.03.

This section shall be construed to provide a legal remedy in the State, City or Federal courts, by action of law, in case such taxes are claimed to be an unlawful burden upon interstate commerce, or the collection thereof, in violation of any Act of Congress or the United States Constitution, or the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, or in any case where jurisdiction is vested in any of the courts of the United States; provided that upon request of the dealer and upon proper showing by such dealer that the principle of law involved in an additional assessment is already pending before the courts for judicial determination, the said dealer, upon agreement to abide by the decision of the courts may pay the additional assessment under protest, but need not file an additional suit. In such cases the tax so paid under protest shall be segregated and held by the Trustee of Finance of the City until the question of law involved has been determined by the Courts and shall then be disposed of as therein provided.

SECTION 11.04.

If any dealer shall be aggrieved by any finding or assessment of the Trustee of Finance of the City, he may, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of notice of the assessment or finding, file a protest in writing signed by him or his duly authorized agent, which shall l under oath and shall set forth the reasons therefor, and he may request a hearing. Thereafter the Trustee of Finance of the City shall grant a hearing to such dealer, if a hearing has been requested, and may make an order confirming, modifying or vacating any such finding or assessment. The filing of any such protest shall not abate any penalty for nonpayment, nor sha it stay the right of the Trustee of Finance of the City to collect the tax in any manner herein provided, unless the dealer shall furnish security of a kind and in an amount satisfactory to the Trustee of Finance of the City. Appeals from the decision of the Trustee of Finance of the City shall be direct to any State, City or Federal Court of competent jurisdiction as provi for in Section 11.02.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 12.01.

There is hereby created and established as an administrative assistant to the Trustee of Finance of the City an official to be known and designated as "Collector for Sales T Division" and the person who shall serve in this capacity shall be appointed by the Trustee of Finance of the City and shall serve under his direct supervision. The Trustee of Finance of the City is hereby empowered and authorized to delegate to said Collector such of the duties, power rights and authority of the Trustee of Finance of the City as he may deem appropriate in connec with the levy, collection and administration of the tax hereby levied and in these instances the action of the Collector shall be valid and legally binding as though the action had been taken performed by the Trustee of Finance of the City.

SECTION 12.02.

The Trustee of Finance of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance, and in pursuance thereof to make an enforce such rules as he may deem necessary, subject to the action of the Board of Trustees of the City.

SECTION 12.03.

The Trustee of Finance of the City shall have the power to make and publish reasona rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this ordinance, or the laws and the Constitution c this State or of the United States, for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and the collection of the revenues and penalties imposed by this ordinance.

SECTION 12.04.

The Trustee of Finance of the City shall design, prepare, print and furnish to all dealers or make available to said dealers, all necessary forms for filing returns, and instructions to insure a full collection from dealers and an accounting for the taxes due, but failure of any dealer to secure such forms shall not relieve such dealer from the payment of said taxes at the time and in the manner herein provided.

SECTION 12.05.

The cost of preparing and distributing the report forms and paraphernalia for the collection of said tax, and of the inspection and enforcement duties required herein, shall be borne out of appropriations by the Board of Trustees as provided in Section 13.02 of this ordin

SECTION 12.06.

In any case where tangible personal property is sold at retail under a contract pro viding for such retail sale, made and entered into prior to the effective date of this ordinanc and containing the sale price, and delivery is made after the effective date of this ordinance, such sale is taxable under this ordinance, the seller shall add the tax imposed by said ordinance. to said sales price, and collect it from the buyer.

The provisions of this section shall also apply where such tangible personal proper is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, stored, leased or rented, and where services taxable hereunder are contracted for before the effective date of this ordinance, but are actual

furnished after the effective date hereof.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to tangible personal property actual: imported or caused to be imported into, or stored within, the territorial limits of the City of Lafayette prior to the effective date of this ordinance if the said tangible personal property is actually used or consumed by the person who imported and stored said tangible property.

SECTION 12.07.

It shall be lawful for the Trustee of Finance of the City or any deputy by him duly designated, to receive the written oath of any person signing any application, deposition, statement, or report required by the Trustee of Finance of the City in the administration of this ordinance.

SECTION 12.08.

The Trustee of Finance of the City, or any deputy by him duly designated, may conduc hearings, and have administered and examined under oath, any dealer and the directors, officers, agents and employees of any dealer, and any other witnesses, relative to the business of such dealer in respect to any matter incident to the administration of this ordinance. Such examinations or hearings shall be at a time convenient to the dealer within fourteen (14) days after requested by the Trustee of Finance of the City in writing.

SECTION 12.09.

Any notice required to be given by the Trustee of Finance of the City pursuant to this ordinance, may be given by personal service on the dealer for whom it is intended, or be mailed to the dealer for whom it is intended, addressed to such dealer at the address given in the last report filed by him pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, or if no report has been filed, then to such address as may be obtainable. The mailing of such notice shall be presumptive evidence of its receipt by the dealer to whom it is addressed.

- SECTION 12.10.

The Trustee of Finance of the City shall keep a record of all of the official acts, and shall preserve copies of all rules, decisions and orders made by him and by any deputy of his department in charge of the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance. Copies of such rules, decisions and orders and of any paper or papers filed in any office maintained by him in the administration of this ordinance, may be authenticated under his official signature, and when so authenticated, shall be evidence in all Courts of the State of the same weight and force as the original thereof. For authenticating any such copy, he shall be paid a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited in the "City Sales Tax Fund."

SECTION 12.11.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to deprive the dealer of any remedy in the review of any tax, or in any proceedings to collect the tax given such dealer by any other law. or to deprive the Board of Trustees of the City of Lafayette of any remedy for the enforcement of this ordinance through any procedure or remedies expressly provided in this ordinance imposing the tax herein levied or in any other law, nor shall this ordinance be construed as repealing or altering any such laws or ordinance.

SECTION 12.12.

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Trustees of the City of Lafayette hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be so declared

SECTION 12.13.

The tax levied herein is declared to be supplemental and in addition to all other taxes levied by and under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lafayette of any kind or nature.

SECTION 12.14.

This ordinance may be cited or otherwise referred to as the "City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance".

DISPOSITION OF TAX PROCEEDS AND REVENUES

. SECTION 13.01.

All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Trustee of Finance of the City, or his deposited by the Trustee of Finance of the City for the account of the City in a special fund designated "City Sales Tax Fund", which fund shall be a separate bank account established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent of the City; provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate bank account established by the Trustee of Finance of the City with said fiscal agent pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

SECTION 13.02.

Out of the funds on deposit in said "City Sales Tax Fund", the Trustee of Finance of the City shall first pay all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting the tax levied hereby and administering the provisions of this ordinance as well as the various administrative procedures established herein. Such costs and expenses shall be reported by the Trustee of Finance of the City annually, or more frequently in his discretion, to the Board of Trustees of the City. After all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administration of the tax have been paid during each month, any remaining balance in the "City Sales Tax Fund" shall be available for appropriation and expenditure by the Board of Trustees of the City for the purposes designated in the proposition authorizing the levy of the tax, said proposition being hereinbefore set forth in the preamble to this ordinance and having been approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at a special election held therein on May 13, 1961.

SECTION 14.01.

That this ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, as soon as possible and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption, it being declared urgent and of the utmost importance to the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety that the revenues from the tax herein levied be made available to the City with the least possible delay.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing at a public meeting of the Board of Truste was then submitted to an official vote, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Dan J. Boudreaux and Curtis A. Rodemacher.

MAYS: Mone. ABSENT: J. Rayburn Bertrand

And the ordinance was declared adopted in open session on this, the 31st day (

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I, CURTIS A. RODEMACHER, City Clerk of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, do hereby CERTIFY that the above and foregoing ordinance was introduced on May 31, 1961, and adopted on the same date as an emergency measure at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana.

City Clerk

CLERK OF COURT

The following ordinance was offered by Mrs. Heymann and

seconded by Drassimono 40 831

85-017546

ORDINANCE NO. 0-2901

An ordinance levying within the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, a tax of one percent (1%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services, as presently defined in R.S. 47:301 to 47:317, inclusive; providing the exemptions for such tax and providing for the assessment, collection, payment, dedication and distribution of such tax and the purposes for which the proceeds of said tax may be expended, all as authorized at the special election held in said City on May 4, 1985,

WHEREAS, under the authority conferred by Article 6, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election was held in the City of Lafayette on May 4, 1985, at which election the following proposition was submitted and duly approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in said election, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (CITY OF LAFAYETTE 1% SALES AND USE TAX)

Shall the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, under the provisions of Article 6, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, be authorized to levy and collect, and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection, a tax of one percent (1%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said City, all as presently defined in R.S. 47:301 through 47:317, inclusive, except that as provided in Act 2 of 1982 the tax shall not be collected on food and prescription drug items presently exempted from state sales and use taxes under R.S. 47:305(4), with the avails or proceeds of said tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs of administering and collecting said tax) to be dedicated, appropriated and expended for the purposes of (a) purchasing, constructing, acquiring, extending and/or improving public works or capital improvements for said City and (b) paying the operation and maintenance costs of said City, provided, however, not less than eighty-five

percent (85%) of such avails or proceeds of the tax collected during any fiscal year must be appropriated and expended for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, acquiring, extending and/or improving public works or capital improvements for said City?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional authority, and said election of May 4, 1985, it is the desire of this City Council, as the governing authority of said City, to levy said tax and provide for the assessment, collection, payment, dedication, distribution and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has determined that said additional one percent (1%) sales and use tax shall be levied and collected, insofar as possible, in the same manner as the present one percent (1%) sales and use tax now being levied and collected by the City of Lafayette pursuant to the authority of Sub-Part D, Part I, Chapter 6, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a special election held in said City on May 13, 1961, and Ordinance No. 593 adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City, its governing authority, on May 31, 1961, as amended (the "City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said City:

IMPOSITION OF TAX

SECTION 1.00. That effective on and after July 1, 1985, there is hereby levied in compliance with the terms and provisions of the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance, for the purposes stated in the proposition set forth in the preamble to this ordinance, a tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said City; and the levy of such tax shall be as follows:

- (1) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail within said City, the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the City, and to include each and every retail sale.
- (2) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in said City, provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.
- (3) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as defined in the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance,

where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.

- (4) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee to the owner of the tangible personal property.
- (5) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the sale of services as defined in the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 2.00. The words, terms and phrases as used in this ordinance shall have the same meaning as these terms enumerated in the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance adopted on May 31, 1961, as amended.

COLLECTION OF TAX BY DEALER

SECTION 3.01. The tax shall be collected by the dealer, and paid at the time and in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3.02. The tax so levied is, and shall be in addition to all other taxes, whether levied in the form of excise, or license, privilege or property taxes levied by any other ordinance or resolution of this City Council or the City of Lafayette.

SECTION 3.03. The dealer shall collect the taxes levied by this ordinance together with those sales and use taxes levied by the State of Louisiana and the Lafayette Parish School Board in accordance with the integrated bracket schedule prepared by the Collector of Revenue of the State of Louisiana, under the authority of Section 302 of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 47:304). The dealer will remit that portion representing the tax levied by this ordinance to the City at the same time and along with the one percent (1%) sales and use tax levied by the City pursuant to the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance adopted on May 31, 1961.

SECTION 3.04. The collection of the tax herein levied shall be made in the name of the City of Lafayette by the Director of Administration through the Sales Tax Division of the Lafayette Parish School Board.

EXCLUSIONS

SECTION 4.00. That the taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be subject to all exclusions and exemptions provided in Chapter 2, Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, with respect to taxes levied by any local governmental subdivision or school board. In addition, the

taxes imposed by this ordinance shall not be collected on food and prescription drug items presently exempted from state sales and use taxes under R.S. 47:305(4), all as provided by Act 2 of 1982 and the proposition set forth in the preamble to this ordinance.

COLLECTION OF TAX FROM DEALER

SECTION 5.00. That the one percent (1%) tax levied hereby shall be collected by the Director of Administration of the City through the Sales Tax Division of the Lafayette Parish School Board in the same manner and under the procedures prescribed for the collection of the 1961 tax levied by the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance, as amended.

ALLOCATION OF TAX PROCEEDS AND REVENUES

SECTION 6.00. Nothing in the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance to the contrary withstanding, the levy and collection of the said one percent (1%) sales and use tax levied thereby and the one percent (1%) sales and use tax levied pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to the following provision:

In compliance with the said special election of May 4, 1985, authorizing the one percent (1%) sales and use tax levied by this ordinance, after all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administration of said one percent (1%) tax have been paid as provided for in Section 13.02 of the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance, the net proceeds of said one percent (1%) sales and use tax shall be available for appropriation and expenditure by the City of Lafayette or this City Council solely for the purposes authorized in the Proposition set out in the preamble hereto authorizing the levy of said tax and having been approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at a special election held therein on May 4, 1985.

FUNDING INTO NEGOTIABLE BONDS

SECTION 7.00. That the avails or proceeds of the one percent (1%) sales and use tax levied hereby may be funded into negotiable bonds by the City of Lafayette in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Part F, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, but only after voter approval as required by said statutory authority and then only in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in the proposition approving such bonds.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 8.00. The Director of Administration and the Director or Supervisor of the Sales Tax Division of the Lafayette Parish School Board are hereby authorized and empowered to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance

and in pursuance thereof shall have the power to make and publish reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this ordinance or the laws and the Constitution of this State or of the United States, for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and the collection of the revenues and penalties imposed by the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance.

AMENDMENT

SECTION 9.00. That unless in conflict herewith, all provisions of the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance adopted by the governing authority of the City on May 31, 1961, and all amendments thereto shall be applicable to the tax herein levied and shall be incorporated herein by reference.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 10.00. If any section, Sub-Section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. This City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be so declared invalid.

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 11.01. That this ordinance shall be published in one issue of "The Daily Advertiser", a newspaper of general circulation in the City, published in Lafayette, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the City of Lafayette and this City Council, and shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1985.

SECTION 11.02. That a certified copy of this ordinance shall be recorded in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wilfred Pierre, Jan Heymann, Robert Bacon, F. V. Landry and Dr. Simon.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 28th day of May, 1985.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

City Clerk

Mayor

DISPOSITION OF ORDINANCE NO. 0-2901

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5-25-1972

The following ordinance was offered by <u>Tohn Broussard</u> and seconded by <u>Eric Arceneaux</u>:

ORDINANCE 259,

An ordinance levying within all of the territory contained within the present boundaries of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, except that portion located within the territorial boundaries of any incorporated municipality situated within said Parish, a tax of one per cent (1%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services, all as defined herein; defining the terms "tangible personal property", "dealers", "sale", "retail sales", "lease or rental", "storage", "use", "sales of services", and other terms used herein; levying and providing for the assessment, collection, payment and dedication of such tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of said tax may be expended; providing for an adequate remedy at law; defining violations of the provisions of this ordinance and prescribing penalties therefor; providing for rules and regulations for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and the collection of the tax levied thereby; providing that any part of this ordinance which may be held invalid or unconstitutional shall not affect or impair any other provisions thereof; and repealing all resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof as may conflict herewith.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 2738.43 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:2738.43) and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, is authorized to levy and collect within a portion of said Parish and outside of incorporated municipalities, as defined therein, a tax of one per cent (1%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services as defined in R. S. 47:301 through 47:317; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid Statutes, it is the desire of this Police Jury to levy said tax and provide for the collection thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish:

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DEFINITIONS

Section 1. As used in this ordinance the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Sections 1.01 to 1.24, inclusive, of this ordinance, except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Section 1.01. "Agricultural Commodity" shall mean horticultural, viticultural, poultry, farm and range products and livestock and livestock products.

Section 1.02. "Business" shall include any activity engaged in by any person or caused to be engaged in by him with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect. The term "business" shall not be construed in this ordinance to include the occasional and isolated sales or transactions by a person who does not hold himself out as engaged in business.

Section 1.03. "Cost Price", shall mean the actual cost of the article of tangible personal property without any deductions therefrom on account of the cost of materials used, labor or service cost, transportation charges or any other expenses whatsoever.

Section 1.04. "Dealer" shall include every person who:

- (1) manufactures or produces tangible personal property for sale at retail, for use, or consumption, or distribution or for storage to be used or consumed in this Parish;
- (2) imports, or causes to be imported, tangible personal property from any State, or other political subdivision of this State, or foreign country, for sale at retail, or for use, or consumption, or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in this Parish;
- (3) sells at retail, or who offers to sell at retail, or who has in his possession for sale at retail, or for use, or consumption, or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in this Parish, tangible personal property;
- (4) has sold at retail, or used, or consumed, or distributed or stored for use or consumption in this Parish, tangible personal property and who cannot prove that the tax levied by this ordinance has been paid on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, or the storage of said tangible personal property;
- (5) leases, or rents tangible personal property for a consideration, permitting the use or possession of such property without transferring title thereto;
- (6) is the lessee or rentee of tangible personal property and who pays to the owner or such property a consideration for the use or possession of such property without acquiring title thereto;
- (7) sells or furnishes any of the services subject to tax under this ordinance;
- (8) purchases or receives any of the services subject to tax under this ordinance; or

(9) is engaging in business in this Parish.

Section 1.05. "Director" shall mean the person designated by the Police Jury who will be in charge of the administration and collection of the tax herein levied, or the duly authorized assistants of said Director.

Section 1.06. "Distraint" or "Distrain" shall mean the right to levy upon and seize and sell, or the levying upon or seizing and selling, any property or rights to property of the delinquent dealer by the officer charged with the collection of the tax for the purpose of satisfying any tax, interest or penalties due under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 1.07. "Engaging in business in this Parish" shall mean and include any of the following methods of transacting business: maintain-ing directly, indirectly, or through a subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse or other place of business or by having an agent, salesman, solicitor or employee operating within this Parish under the authority of the seller of its subsidiary, irrespective of whether such place of business, agent, salesman, solicitor, or employee is located in this Parish permanently or temporarily, or whether such seller or subsidiary is qualified to do business in this Parish; or by having within this Parish any choses in or causes of action, or any property, or any liens on property, or any indebtedness due it in this Parish, protected by the laws and courts of this Parish.

Section 1.08. "Gross Sales" shall mean the sum total of all retail sales of tangible personal property, as hereinafter provided and defined, and sales of services without any deductions whatsoever of any kind or character, except as provided in this ordinance.

Section 1.09. "Hotel" shall mean and include any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing sleeping rooms primarily to transient guests where such establishment consists of ten (10) or more guest rooms under a single roof.

Section 1.10. "Lease or Rental" shall mean the leasing or renting of tangible personal property and the possession or use thereof by the lessee or rentee for a consideration, without transfer of the title of such property.

The term "lease or rental", however, as herein defined, shall not mean or include the lease or rental made for the purposes of re-lease or re-rental of casing tools and pipe, drill pipe, tubing, compressors, tanks, pumps, power units, other drilling or related equipment used in connection with the operating, drilling, completion or reworking of oil, gas, sulphur or other mineral wells.

Section 1.11. "New Article" shall mean the original stock in trade of the dealer and shall not be limited to newly manufactured articles. The original stock or article whether it be a used article or not shall be subject to the tax.

Section 1.12. "Parish" shall mean all the territory contained within the present boundaries of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, except the portion located within the territorial boundaries of any incorporated munici-

pality situated within said Parish.

Section 1.13. "Person" shall include any individual, firm, copartnership, joint venture, association, corporation, co-operative, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, the State of Louisiana or any department thereof, any parish, city or municipality or public board, public commission or public or semi-public corporation, district or instrumentality or group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number.

Section 1.14. "Purchaser" shall mean any person who acquires or receives any tangible personal property or the privilege of using any tangible personal property or receives any services pursuant to a transaction subject to a tax under this ordinance.

Section 1.15. "Retail Sale" or "Sale at Retail" shall mean a sale to a consumer or to any person for any purpose other than for resale in the form of tangible personal property and a sale of services, as hereinafter set forth, and shall mean and include all such transactions as the Director, upon investigation finds to be in lieu of sales; provided, that sales for resale must be made in strict compliance with the rules and regulations issued by the said Director. Any dealer making a sale for resale, which is not in strict compliance with the rules and regulations, shall himself be liable for and pay the tax. (The term "Sale at Retail" does not include sales of materials for further processing into articles of tangible personal property for sale at retail, nor does it include an isolated or occasional sale of tangible personal property by a person not engaged in such business. The sale of motor or other vehicles by a person not engaged in such business shall be considered and treated as a retail sale or sale at retail.)

Section 1.16. "Retailer" shall mean and include every person engaged in the business of making sales at retail or for distribution, or use or consumption, or storage to be used or consumed in this Parish or any person rendering services taxable hereunder.

Section 1.17. "Sale" shall mean any transfer of title or possession, or both, exchange, barter, lease, or rental, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means, whatsoever, of tangible personal property for a consideration, and includes the fabrication of tangible personal property for consumers who furnish, either directly or indirectly, the materials used in fabrication work, and the furnishing, preparing or serving, for a consideration, of any tangible personal property consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing or serving such tangible personal property. A transaction whereby the possession of tangible personal property is transferred but the seller retains title as security for the payment of the price shall be deemed a sale.

The term "Sale" shall also include the "Sales of Services", which means and includes the following:

- (1) The furnishing of rooms by hotels and tourist camps;
- (2) The sale of admissions to places of amusement, to athletic entertainment other than that of schools, colleges, universities, and recreational events, and the furnishing for dues, fees, or other consideration of

the privilege of access to clubs or the privilege of having access to or the use of amusement, entertainment, athletic or recreational facilities;

- (3) The furnishing of storage or parking privileges by auth hotels and parking lots and trailer parks;
- (4) The furnishing of printing or overprinting, lithographic, multilith, blueprinting, photostating or other similar services of reproducing written or graphic matter;
- (5) The furnishing of laundry, cleaning, pressing and dyeing services, including by way of extension and not of limitation, the cleaning and renovation of clothing, furs, furniture, carpets and rugs, and the furnishing of storage space for clothing, furs and rugs;
- (6) The furnishing of cold storage space and the furnishing of the service of preparing tangible personal property for cold storage, where such service is incidental to the operation of storage facilities;
- (7) The furnishing of repairs to tangible personal property, including by way of illustration and not of limitation, the repair and servicing of automobiles and other vehicles, electrical and mechanical appliances and equipment.
- Section 1.18. "Sales Price" shall mean the total amount for which tangible personal property is sold, including any services, except services for financing, that are a part of the sale valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and includes the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, except costs for financing which shall not exceed the legal interest rate and a service charge not to exceed six per cent (6%) of the amount financed, and losses; provided that cash discounts allowed and taken on sales shall not be included, nor shall the sales price include the amount charged for labor or services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling or repairing property sold.
- Section 1.19. "Storage" shall mean and include any keeping or retention in this Parish of tangible personal property for use or consumption in this Parish or for any purpose other than for sale at retail in the regular course of business.
- Section 1.20. "Tangible Personal Property" shall mean and include personal property which may be seen, weighed, measured, felt or touched, or is in any other manner preceptible to the senses. The term "tangible personal property" shall not include stocks, bonds, notes, or other obligations or securities.
- Section 1.21. "Taxing Authority" shall mean the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana.
- Section 1.22. "Tourist Camps" shall mean and include any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing rooms, cottages or cabins to tourists or other transient guests, where the number of guest rooms, cottages or cabins at a single location is six or more.

Section 1.23. "Use" shall mean and include the exercise of any rights of power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership thereof, except that it shall not include the sale at retail of that property in the regular course of business.

Section 1.24. "Use Tax" shall include the use, the consumption, the distribution and the storage for use or consumption, as herein defined.

IMPOSITION OF TAX

Section 2.01. There is hereby levied from and after August 1, 1972, a tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within this Parish, as defined herein; and the levy of such tax shall be as follows:

- (1) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail in this Parish; the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the "Taxing Authority", and to include each and every retail sale.
- (2) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this Parish provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.
- (3) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as defined herein, where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.
- (4) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by the lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee to the owner of the tangible personal property.
- (5) At the rate of one per cent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the sale of services, as defined herein.

Section 2.02. Sales or use taxes paid to this Taxing Authority on the purchase of new motor trucks and new motor tractors licensed and registered for 12,000 pounds or more, under the provisions of Section 462 of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 47:462), new trailers and new semi-trailers licensed and registered for 16,000 pounds or more under the provisions of said Section for rental may be deducted as a credit against the tax due on the rental of that item of property so that no tax is payable on rental income until the tax paid on the purchase price has been exceeded. The sales tax paid to another municipality, parish or taxing authority in Louisiana or to a municipality or county in a state other than Louisiana on the purchase price of such property is not deductible from the tax subsequen y due on the rental of such property in this Parish.

If the tax on rental payments fails to exceed the credits for sales or use tax paid, no refund is due the purchaser.

Any sales tax paid on any maintenance or operation expenses of a rental business is not deductible as a credit against the tax due or rental payments; such expenses are part of the cost of doing business and do not constitute a part of the cost of the identical property being rented.

Section 2.03. The tax shall be collected from the dealer, as defined herein, and paid at the time and in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 2.04. The tax so levied is, and shall be in addition to all other taxes, whether levied in the form of excise, or license, privilege, or property taxes levied by any other ordinance or resolution of this Taxing Authority.

Section 2.05. The dealer shall collect the tax levied by this ordinance along with those sales and use taxes levied by the State of Louisiana, and the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana within the Parish, in accordance with the integrated bracket schedule prepared by the Collector of Revenue of the State of Louisiana under the authority of Section 304 of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 47:304). The dealer will remit that portion representing the tax levied by this ordinance to the Director of the Parish. Copies of said integrated tax schedules are available to dealers on request from the Director.

Section 2.06. The collection of the tax herein levied shall be made in the name of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafayette, by the Director.

EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM TAX

Section 3.01. The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall not apply to transactions involving the following tangible personal property:

(1) The gross proceeds derived from the sale in this Parish of livestock, poultry and other farm products direct from the farm, provided that such sales are made directly by the producers. When sales of livestock, poultry and other farm products are made to consumers by any person other than a producer, they are not exempted from the tax imposed by this ordinance, provided, however, that every agricultural commodity sold by any person, other than a producer, to any other person who purchases not for direct consumption but for the purpose of acquiring raw products for use or for sale in the process of preparing, finishing or manufacturing such agricultural commodity for the ultimate retail consumer trade, shall be exempted from any and all provisions of this ordinance, including payment of the tax applicable to the sale, storage, use, transfer, or any other utilization of or handling thereof, except when such agricultural commodity is actually sold as a marketable or finished product to the ultimate consumer, and in no case shall more than one t be exacted.

- (2) The "use tax" shall not apply to livestock and livestock products, to poultry and poultry products, to farm, range and agricultural products when produced by the farmer and used by him and members of his family.
- (3) Where a part of the purchase price is represented by an article traded in, the sales tax is payable on the total purchase price less the market value of the article traded in.
- (4) The sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this Parish of the following tangible personal property is hereby specifically exempted from the tax imposed by this ordinance: gasoline, steam, water (not including mineral water or carbonated water or any water put up in bottles, jugs or containers, all of which are not exempted), electric power or energy, newspapers, fertilizer and containers used for farm products when sold directly to the farmer, natural gas and new automobiles withdrawn from stock by factory authorized new automobile dealers, with the approval of the Collector of Revenue, State of Louisiana, and titled in the dealer's name for use as demonstrators.
- (5) The sales of materials, equipment and machinery which enter into and become component parts of ships, vessels, including commercial fishing vessels, or barges, of fifty tons load displacement and over, built in Louisiana nor to the gross proceeds from the sale of such ships, vessels or barges when sold by the builder thereof.
- of ships or vessels operating exclusively in foreign or interstate coastwide commerce, where such materials and supplies are loaded upon the ship or vessel for use or consumption in the maintenance and operation thereof; nor to repair services performed upon ships or vessels operating exclusively in foreign or in interstate coastwide commerce; nor to the materials and supplies used in such repairs where such materials and supplies enter into and become a component part of such ships or vessels; nor to laundry services performed for the owners or operators of such ships or vessels operating exclusively in foreign or interstate coastwide commerce, where the laundered articles are to be used in the course of the operation of such ships or vessels.

The provisions of this Sub-Section do not apply to drilling equipment used for oil exploitation or production unless such equipment is built for exclusive use outside the boundaries of the State and is removed forthwith from the State upon completion.

- (7) The sale at retail of seeds for use in the planting of any kind of crops.
- (8) The sale of casing, drill pipe and tubing in the Parish for use offshore beyond the territorial limits of the State of Louisiana for the production of oil, gas, sulphur and other minerals.
- (9) The sale or use of any materials, supplies or products for use in connection with any phase of the construction of the Toledo Bend Dam project on the Sabine River.

- (10) The sale of admission tickets by Little Theatre organizations.
- (11) The sale of admission tickets by domestic non-profit corporations or by any other domestic non-profit organization known as a symphony organization or a society or organization engaged in the presentation of musical performances; provided that this exemption shall not apply to performances given by out-of-state or non-resident symphony companies, nor to any performance intended to yield a profit to the promoters thereof.
- (12) The use of films or photoplay from a distribution agency by the operator of a motion picture theatre.
- (13) The sale at retail of pesticides used for agricultural purposes, including particularly but not by way of limitation, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides.
- (14) The sale at retail of tangible personal property purchased within this Parish for use exclusively beyond the territorial limits of this Parish. If tangible personal property purchased tax free under the provisions of this section is later brought into this Parish for use herein, the property shall be subject to the use tax as of the time it is brought into the Parish for use herein, subject to the credit provided in Section 5.03 of this ordinance.

If the first use of tangible personal property purchased in the Parish for use beyond the territorial limits of this Parish occurs in a Municipality or Parish of the State of Louisiana or in a Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana which imposes a sales or use tax, exemption provided herein shall apply only if:

- (1) The purchaser is properly registered for sales and use tax purposes in a Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana or in a Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana, wherein such tangible personal property is used, and regularly reports and pays sales and use tax in such other Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana or in a Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana; and
- (2) The Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana or the Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana in which the first use occurs grants on a reciprocal basis a similar exemption on purchases within that Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana or Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana for use in this Parish; and
- (3) The purchaser obtains from the Director a certificate authorizing him to make the non-taxable purchases authorized under this section.
- (15) The sales tax levied by this ordinance shall not be applicable to sales of materials or services involved in lump sum or unit price construction contracts entered into and reduced to writing prior to the effective date of the statute or ordinance levying same or to sales or services involved in such

contracts entered into and reduced to writing within ninety days thereafter, if such contracts involve contractual obligations undertaken prior to such effective date and were computed and bid on the basis of sales taxos at the rates effective and existing prior to such effective date.

- (16) Purchases of equipment used in fire fighting by bona fide organized public volunteer fire department.
- (17) The sale of admissions to entertainment events furnished by recognized domestic non-profit charitable, educational and religious organizations when the entire proceeds from such sales, except for necessary expenses connected with the entertainment events, are used for the purposes for which the organization furnishing the events were organized.

Section 3.02. It is not the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax upon articles of tangible personal property imported into this Parish, or produced or manufactured in this Parish, for export, nor is it the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax on a bona fide transaction in interstate commerce. It is, however, the intention of this ordinance to levy a tax on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this Parish of tangible personal property after it has come to rest in this Parish and has become a part of the mass of property in this Parish.

COLLECTION OF TAX BY DEALER

Section 4.01. The tax levied by this ordinance shall be collected by the dealer from the purchaser or consumer except as provided for collection of the tax on motor vehicles in Section 4.06 of this ordinance. The dealer shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from the purchaser, or in respect to non-payment of the tax by the purchaser, as if the tax were a part of the purchase price of the property, or charges for services, and payable at the time of the sale; provided, however, that this Taxing Authority shall be joined as a party plaintiff in any action or proceedings brought by the dealer to collect the tax.

Section 4.02. Every dealer located outside the Parish making sales of tangible personal property for distribution, storage, use or other consumption in this Parish shall, at the time of making sales, collect the tax imposed by this ordinance from the purchaser.

Section 4.03. The dealer shall, as far as practicable, add the exact amount of the tax imposed under this ordinance, or the average equivalent thereof, in conformity with the rules and regulations to be issued by the Director, to the sale price or charge, and when added, such tax shall constitute a part of such price or charge and shall be a debt from the purchaser or consumer to the dealer, until paid, and shall be recoverable at law, in the same manner as other debts.

- (b) The tax levied by this ordinance on the use of any such vehicle in this Parish shall be due at the time first registration in this Parish is required by the Vehicle Registration License Tax Law (R.S. 47:451 et seq).
- (2) Every vendor of such a vehicle shall furnish to the purchaser at the time of sale a sworn statement showing the serial number, motor number, type, year and model of the vehicle sold, the total sales price, any allowance for and description of any vehicle taken in trade, and the total cash difference paid or to be paid by the purchaser between the vehicle purchased and traded in and the sales or use tax to be paid, along with such other information as may be required. All labor, parts, accessories and other equipment which are attached to the vehicle at the time of the sale and which are included in the sale price are to be considered a part of the vehicle.
- (3) It is not the intention of this Section to grant an exemption from the tax levied by this ordinance to any sale, use, item or transaction which has heretofore been taxable and this Section shall not be construed as so doing. It is the intention of this Section to transfer the collection of the sales and use tax on vehicles from the vendor to the Collector of Revenue of the State of Louisiana and to provide a method of collection of the tax directly from the vendee or user by the Collector of Revenue in accordance with an agreement by and between the Collector of Revenue and this Taxing Authority. Said tax so collected by the said Collector of Revenue shall be paid to this Taxing Authority and sent to the Director as soon as possible, and in any event at least once each month, all in accordance with the said agreement.
- (4) The provision contained in Section 1.16 of this ordinance which excludes isolated or occasional sales from the definition of a sale at retail is not to apply to the sale of vehicles which are the subject of this section. Isolated or occasional sales of vehicles are hereby defined to be sales at retail and as such are subject to the tax.

Section 4.07. A person engaged in any business taxable under this ordinance shall not advertise or hold out to the public, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that he will absorb all or any part of the tax, or that he will relieve the purchaser from the payment of all or any part of the tax. The dealer shall state and collect the tax separately from the price paid by the purchaser, but his failure to do so shall not be available as a defense to the purchaser in any proceedings brought under this ordinance.

Section 4.08. Where the tax collected for any period is in excess of one per cent (1%), the total collected must be paid over to the Director, less the commission to be allowed the dealer as hereinafter set forth.

Section 4.09. Where the purchaser has failed to pay and a dealer has failed to collect a tax upon a sale, as imposed by this ordinance, then in addition to all other rights, obligations and remedies provided, such tax shall be payable by the purchaser directly to this Taxing Authority, and it

shall be the duty of this purchaser to file a return thereof with the Director and to pay the tax imposed thereon to this Taxing Authority within fifteen (15) days after such sale was made or rendered.

Section 4.10. For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by this ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed two per cent (2%) of the amount of tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Director in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him if the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment.

COLLECTION OF TAX FROM DEALER

Section 5.01. The tax imposed by this ordinance shall be collectible by the Director on behalf of this Taxing Authority from all persons engaged as dealers.

Section 5.02. On all tangible personal property imported or caused to be imported, from other states or other political subdivisions of this State, or foreign country, and used by him, the dealer shall pay the tax imposed by this ordinance on all articles of tangible personal property so imported and used, the same as if the said article has been sold at retail for use or consumption in this Parish. For the purpose of this ordinance, use or consumption, or distribution, or storage of tangible personal property, shall each be equivalent to a sale at retail, and the tax shall thereupon immediately levy and be collected in the manner provided herein, provided there shall be no duplication of the tax in any event.

Section 5.03. A credit against the use tax imposed by this ordinance shall be granted to taxpayers who have paid a similar tax upon the sale or use of the same tangible personal property in another Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana, or Municipality or County in a State other than Louisiana. The credit provided herein shall be granted only in the case where the Municipality, Parish or taxing authority in the State of Louisiana, or the Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana to which a similar tax has been paid grants a similar credit as provided herein, provided that members of the armed forces who are citizens of this Parish and whose orders or enlistment contracts stipulate a period of active duty of two years or more and who purchase automobiles outside of this Parish, in a Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana, or a Municipality or County in a State other than Louisiana while on such tour of active duty shall be granted such credit in connection with the purchase of such automobiles whether or not the Municipality or Parish in the State of Louisiana, or the Municipality or County in a state other than Louisiana to which such tax thereon has been paid grants a similar credit as herein provided. The proof of payment of a similar tax to another Municipality, Parish or taxing authority in the State of Louisiana, or to a City or County in a State other than Louisiana, shall be made according to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director. In no event shall the credit be greater than the tax imposed by this Taxing Authority upon the particular tangible personal property which is the subject of the use tax imposed by this ordinance.

Section 5.04. All auctioneers shall register as dealers and shall display their registration to the public as a condition of doing business in this Parish. Such auctioneers or the company which they represent shall be responsible for the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance on articles sold by them and shall report and remit to the "Director" as provided in this Ordinance.

RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF TAX

Section 6.01. The tax levied under this ordinance shall be due and payable by all dealers monthly on the first day of the month.

Section 6.02. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tax payable under this ordinance, it shall be the duty of all dealers on or before the twentieth (20th)day of the month following the month in which this tax shall become effective to transmit to the Director, upon forms prescribed, prepared and furnished by him, returns showing the gross sales, purchases, gross proceeds from lease or rental, gross payments for lease or rental, gross proceeds derived from sales of services, as the case may be, arising from all taxable transactions during the preceding calendar month or during the part of the preceding calendar month. Thereafter, like returns shall be prepared and transmitted to said Director by all dealers, on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month, for the preceding calendar month. Said returns shall show such further information as the Director may require to enable him to correctly compute and collect the tax herein levied. Such returns shall be signed by the dealer filing the same, and his signature thereon shall constitute a warranty on the part of the dealer that he has read and examined the said returns and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief the same are true, correct and complete. Every dealer at the time of making the return required hereunder shall compute and remit to this Taxing Authority the required tax due for the preceding calendar month.

Section 6.03. At the time of transmitting the return required hereunder to the Director, the dealer shall remit to the Taxing Authority, therewith, the amount of the tax due under the applicable provisions of this ordinance, and failure to so remit such tax shall cause said tax to become delinquent.

All taxes, interest and penalties imposed under this ordinance shall be paid to this Taxing Authority in the form of remittance required by the Director.

Section 6.04. Gross proceeds from rentals or leases of tangible personal property where the lease or rental is part of a regularly established business or the same is incidental or germane thereto shall be reported and the tax shall be paid with respect thereto, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Director may prescribe.

Section 6.05. The Director, for good cause, may extend for not to exceed thirty (30) days the time for making any returns required under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6.06. For the purpose of collecting and remitting to this Taxing Authority the tax imposed by this ordinance, the dealer is hereby declared to be the agent of this Taxing Authority.

RECORDS AND INSPECTION THEREOF

Section 7.01. It shall be the duty of every dealer to make a report and pay any tax under this ordinance, to keep and preserve suitable records of the sales or purchases or sales of services, as the case may be, taxable under this ordinance, and such other books of account as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax due hereunder, and other information as may be required by the Director; and it shall be the duty of every such dealer moreover, to keep and preserve, for a period of three (3) years, all invoices and other records of goods, wares and merchandise or other subjects of taxation under this ordinance; and all such books, invoices and other records shall be open to examination at all reasonable hours, by the Director or any of his duly authorized agents.

Section 7.02. Each dealer shall secure, maintain and keep, for a period of three (3) years, a complete record of sales of services and tangible personal property received, used, sold at retail, distributed or stored, leased or rented within this Parish by said dealer, together with invoices, bills of lading, and other pertinent records and papers as may be required by the Director for the reasonable administration of this ordinance, and all such records shall be open for inspection to the Director at all reasonable hours.

Section 7.03. In order to aid in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, and to collect all of the tax imposed by this ordinance, all wholesale dealers and jobbers in this Parish are hereby required to keep a record of all sales of tangible personal property made in this Parish, whether such sales be for cash or on terms of credit. The record required to be kept by all wholesale dealers and jobbers shall contain and include the name and address of the purchaser, the date of purchase, the article or articles purchased and the price at which the article is sold to the purchaser. These records shall be open to inspection of the Director of his duly authorized assistants at all reasonable hours.

Section 7.04. For the purpose of administering this ordinance, the Director, whenever he deems it expediant, may make or cause to be made by an employee of the department or division engaged in the administration of this ordinance, an examination or investigation of the place of business, if any, the tangible personal property, and the books, records, papers, vouchers, accounts, and documents of any dealer. It shall be the duty of every dealer and every director, official, agent, or employee of every dealer, to exhibit to the Director or to any such employee of his department or division charged with the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance, hereafter referred to as a "deputy", the tangible personal property and all of the books, records, papers, vouchers, accounts, and documents of the dealer and to facilitate any such examination or investigation

as far as it may be in his or their power so to do.

Section 7.05. For the purpose of enforcing the collection of the tax levied by this ordinance, the Director is hereby specifically authorized and empowered to examine, at all reasonable hours, the books, records and other documents of all transportation companies, agencies, or firms operating in this Parish, whether said companies, agencies, or firms conduct their business by truck, rail, water, airplane, or otherwise, in order to determine what dealers, as provided in this ordinance, are importing or are otherwise shipping articles of tangible personal property which are liable for said tax.

Section 7.06. The Director shall keep a record of all of his official acts and shall preserve copies of all rules, decisions and orders made by him or by any deputy of his department or division in charge of the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance. Copies of such rules, decisions or orders and of any paper or papers filed in any office maintained by him in the administration of this ordinance may be authenticated under his official signature, and when so authenticated, shall be evidence in all courts of the state of the same weight and force as the original thereof.

Section 7.07. The records and files of the Director respecting the administration of this ordinance shall be considered confidential and privileged and neither the Director nor any employee engaged in the administration thereof or charged with the custody of any such records or files shall divulge or disclose any information obtained from such records or files or from any examination or inspection of the premises or property of any dealer. Neither the Director nor any employee engaged in such administration or charged with the custody of any such records or files shall be required to produce any of them for the inspection of any person or for use in any action or proceeding except: (a) in an action or proceeding under the provisions of this ordinance; and, (b) when the records or files or the fact shown thereby are directly involved in such action or proceeding.

Section 7.08. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent:

- (1) the delivery to a dealer or his duly authorized representative of a copy of any return, report or other paper filed by him pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance;
- (2) the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of any return or report and the items thereof;
- (3) the inspection by the legal representative of this Taxing Authority of the returns, reports or files relating to the claim of any dealer who shall have brought an action to review or set aside any tax imposed under this ordinance or against whom an action or proceeding has been instituted in accordance with the provisions hereof;
- (4) the examination of the records and files by the Director or by his duly authorized agents; or

(5) the furnishing, in the discretion of the Director, of any information disclosed by the records or files to any official person or body of any other state or of the United States who shall be concerned with the administration of any similar tax by the state or the United States.

IMPORTED GOODS - PERMITS

Section 8.01. In order to prevent the illegal importation into this Parish of tangible personal property which is subject to the tax, and to strengthen and make more effective the manner and method of enforcing payment of the tax imposed by this ordinance, the Director is hereby authorized and empowered to put into operation a system of permits whereby any person, or dealer, may import tangible personal property by truck, automobile, or other means of transportation other than a common carrier, without having said truck, automobile or other means of transportation seized and subjected to legal proceedings for its forfeiture. Such system of permits shall require the person, or dealer who desires to import tangible personal property into this Parish, which property is subject to the tax imposed by this ordinance, to apply to the Director or his assistant for a permit stating the kind of vehicle to be used, the name of the driver, the license number of the vehicle, the kind of character of tangible personal property to be imported, the date, the name and address of the consignee, and such other information as the Director may deem proper or necessary. Such permits shall be free of cost to the application and may be obtained at the office of the Director.

REMEDIES FOR COLLECTION, INCLUDING INTEREST, PENALTIES, ETC.

Section 9.01. For the purpose of the enforcement of this ordinance, and the collection of the tax levied hereunder, it is presumed that all tangible personal property, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, imported into this Parish or held in this Parish by any dealer is to be sold at retail, used or consumed, or stored for use or consumption in this Parish, or leased or rented within this Parish, and is subject to the tax herein levied; provided, that such presumption shall be prima facie only, and subject to proof furnished to the Director.

Section 9.02. Failure to pay any tax due as provided in this ordinance, shall ipso facto without demand or putting in default, cause said tax, interest, penalties and costs to become immediately delinquent, and this Taxing Authority is hereby vested with authority, on motion in a court of competent jurisdiction, to take a rule on the said dealer, to show cause in not less than two (2) or more than ten (10) days, exclusive of holidays, after the service thereof, which may be tried out of term and in chambers, and shall always be tried by preference, why said dealer should not be ordered to cease from further pursuit of business as a dealer, and in case said rule is made absolute, the order thereon rendered shall be considered a judgment in favor of this Taxing Authority, prohibiting such dealer from further pursuit of said business until such time as he has paid the said delinquent tax, interest, penalties and costs, and every violation of the injunction shall be considered as a contempt of court, and punished according to law.

Section 9.03. If the amount of tax due by the dealer is not paid on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due, there shall be collected, with said tax, interest upon said unpaid amount, at the rate of one per cent (1%) per month, or fractional part thereof, to be computed from the first day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due until it is paid; and in addition to the interest that may be so due there shall also be collected a penalty equivalent to five per cent (5%) for each thirty (30) days, or fraction thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) in aggregate, of the tax due, when such tax is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date the tax first becomes due and payable, and in the event of suit, attorney's fees at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate of tax, interest, and penalty.

Section 9.04. In the event any dealer fails to make a report and pay the tax as provided by this ordinance, or in case the dealer makes a grossly incorrect report, or a report that is false or fraudulent, it shall be the duty of the Director to make an estimate for the taxable period of the retail sales, or sales or services, of such dealer, or of the gross proceeds from rentals or leases of tangible personal property by the dealer, and an estimate of the cost price of all articles of tangible personal property imported by the dealer for use or consumption or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in this Parish, and assess and collect the tax and interest, plus penalty, if such have accrued, on the basis of such assessment, which shall be considered prima facie correct, and the burden to show the contrary shall rest upon the dealer. In the event such estimate and assessment requires an examination of books, records, or documents, or an audit thereof, then the Director shall add to the assessment the cost of such examination, together with any penalties accruing thereon. Such costs and penalties when collected shall be placed to the account of the "Parish Sales Tax Fund" in the same manner as are the taxes collected under this ordinance.

If any dealer fails to make any return required by this ordinance or makes an incorrect return, and the circumstances indicate willful negligence or intentional disregard of rules and regulations, but no intent to defraud, there shall be imposed, in addition to any other penalties provided herein, a specific penalty of five per cent (5%) of the tax or deficiency found to be due, or Ten Dollars (\$10.00), whichever is the greater. This specific penalty shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were a part of the tax due and can be enforced either in a separate section or in the same action for the collection of the tax.

Section 9.05. If any dealer liable for any tax, interest or penalty hereunder shall sell out his business or stock of goods or shall quit the business, he shall make a final return and payment within fifteen (15) days after the date of selling or quitting business. His successor, successors or assigns, if any, shall withhold sufficient of the purchase money to cover the amount of such taxes, interest and penalties due and unpaid until such time as the former owner shall produce a receipt from the Director showing that they have been paid, or a certificate stating that no taxes, interest, or penalties are due. If the purchaser of a business or stock of goods shall fail to withhold purchase money as provided, he shall be personally liable for the payment of the taxes, interest and penalties accrued and unpaid on account of the operation of the business by any former owner, owners, or assignors.

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Section 9.06. In the event that any dealer is delinquent in the payment of the tax herein provided for, the Director may give notice of the amount of such delinquency by registered mail to all persons having in their possession or under their control, any credits or other personal property belonging to such dealer, or owing any debts to such dealer at the time of receipt by them of such notice and thereafter any person so notified shall neither transfer nor make any other disposition of such credits, other personal property, or debts until the Director shall have consented to a transfer or disposition, or until thirty (30) days shall have elapsed from and after the receipt of such notice. All persons so notified must, within five (5) days after receipt of such notice, advise the Director of any and all such credits, other personal property, or debts, in their possession, under their control or owing by them, as the case may be.

Section 9.07. In the event the dealer has imported tangible personal property and he fails to produce an invoice showing the cost price of the articles which are subject to tax, or the invoice does not reflect the true or actual cost price, then the Director shall ascertain, in any manner feasible, the true cost price and assess and collect the tax with interest, plus penalties, if such have accrued, on the true cost price as assessed by him. The assessment so made shall be considered prima facie correct, and the burden shall be on the dealer to show the contrary.

Section 9.08. In the case of the lease or rental of tangible personal property, if the consideration given or reported by the dealer does not, in the judgment of the Director, represent the true or actual consideration, then the Director is authorized to fix the same and collect the tax thereon for this Taxing Authority in the same manner as above provided (Section 9.07), with interest plus penalties, if such have accrued.

Section 9.09. In the event any transportation company, agency or firm shall refuse to permit examination of its books, records and other documents by the Director, the Director may proceed by rule, in term or in chambers, in any court of competent jurisdiction and require said transportation company, agency or firm to show cause why the Director should not be permitted to examine its books, records or other documents, and in case said rule be made absolute, the same shall be considered a judgment of the Court and every violation of said judgment as a contempt thereof and punished according to law.

Section 9.10. If any dealer, subject to make and file a return required by any of the provisions of this ordinance, fails to render such return within the time required, or renders a return which is false or fraudulent, in that it contains statements which differ from the true gross sale, purchase, leases, or rentals, or other transactions, taxable under this ordinance, or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, for the taxable period for which said return is made, the Director shall give such dealer fifteen (15) days' notice, in writing, requiring such dealer tappear before him, or his assistant, with such books, records and papers as he may require, relating to the business of such dealer, for such taxable period; and said Director may require such dealer, or the agents or employees of such dealers, to give testimony or to answer interrogatories, under oath administere

by the Director or his assistants, respecting the sale at retail, the use, or consumption, or distribution, in this Parish, or lease or rental of tangible personal property or other transactions, subject to tax, or the failure to make report thereof, as provided in this ordinance.

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Section 9.12. The importation into this Parish of tangible personal property which is subject to tax, by truck, automobile, or other means of transportation other than a common carrier, without having first obtained a permit as described in Section 8.01 (if the tax imposed by this ordinance on said tangible personal property has not been paid), shall be construed as an attempt to evade payment of the said tax and the same is hereby prohibited, and the said truck, automobile, or menas of transportation other than a common carrier, and said taxable property may be seized by this Taxing Authority in order to secure the same as evidence in a trial and the same shall be subject to forfeiture and sale in the manner provided for in this ordinance.

Section 9.13. The failure of any dealer who imports tangible personal property from outside the Parish into the Parish for use or consumption or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in this Parish, or who imports for lease or rental any tangible personal property subject to the provisions of this ordinance, to pay any tax, interest, penalties, or costs under this ordinance, shall ipso facto make the said tax, interest, penalties and costs delinquent and shall be construed as an attempt to avoid the payment of same which shall be sufficient grounds for attachment of such tangible personal property wherever the same may be located or found, whether said delinquent dealer be a resident or non-resident of this Parish, and whether said tangible personal property is in the possession of said delinquent dealer or in the possession of other persons, firms, corporations or association or persons; provided, that it is the intention of this ordinance to prevent the disposition of the said tangible personal property in order to insure payment of the tax imposed by this ordinance, together with interest, penalties and costs, and authority to attach is hereby specifically authorized and granted to this Taxing Authority.

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In addition to the penalties prescribed in this and the preceding section (Section 9.12), any person, or dealer, who shall violate the provisions thereof, upon conviction shall be fined in a sum of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in jail for a period of not more than ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. And, each importation or shipment by truck, automobile, or other means of transportation, other than a common carrier, found to be in violation of the provisions of these sections shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 9.14. The liability of any person, or dealer arising from any tax, interest and penalty, or any of them, imposed by this ordinance, from the time they are due, shall be a personal debt of such person, or dealer to this Taxing Authority recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction in an action at law by this Taxing Authority. Such debts, whether sued upon or not, shall be a lien on all the property of such delinquent person, or dealer, except as against an innocent purchaser for value without notice in the actual course of business, and shall have preference in any distribution of the assets of the person, or dealer, whether in bankruptcy, insolvency, or otherwise. The proceeds of any judgment or order obtained hereunder shall be paid to this Taxing Authority.

Section 9.15. This Taxing Authority may require a bond or other security satisfactory to the Director for the payment of any taxes, fees, interests and penalties, or any of them, imposed pursuant to this ordinance when he shall find that the collection thereof may be prejudiced without such security.

Section 9.16. If any person, or dealer, shall fail to make a return or report as required by this ordinance, the Director, within three (3) years after the last day on which the omitted report could have been filed without penalty, may make an estimate of the amount of taxes such person, or dealer, is liable to pay under the terms of this ordinance, from any information he is able to conveniently obtain, and according to such estimate so made by him, assess the taxes, fees, penalties and interest due this Taxing Authority from such person, or dealer, give notice of such assessment to such person, or dealer, and must make demand upon him for payment, or otherwise the said claim shall prescribe.

Section 9.17. After a return or report is filed under the provisions of this ordinance, the Director shall cause to be examined and make such further audit or investigation as he may deem necessary, and if therefrom, he shall determine that there is a deficiency with respect to the payment of any tax due under this ordinance, he shall assess the additional amount of tax, and any penalties and interest, or either of them due this Taxing Authority from such person, or dealer, and make demand upon him for payment.

Section 9.18. If the Director finds that any person, or dealer liable for the payment of any tax under this ordinance designs quickly to depart from this Parish or to remove therefrom his or its property, subject to any lien under the provisions of this ordinance, or to discontinue business, or to do any other act tending to prejudice or render wholly, or partly ineffectual any proceedings that might be instituted to collect such

tax, whereby it shall have become important that such proceedings be instituted without delay, the Director may make an arbitrary assessment as herein provided, whether or not any return or report is then due by law, and may proceed under such arbitrary assessment to collect the tax, or demand security for it, and thereafter shall cause notice of such findings to be given to such dealer, together with a demand for an immediate return or report, and immediate payment of such tax.

All taxes, penalties and interest assessed pursuant to the provisions of the last three preceding sections, shall be paid within fifteen (15) days after notice and demand shall have been mailed to the dealer liable therefor by this Taxing Authority. If such taxes, penalties and interest so assessed shall not be paid within such fifteen (15) days, there shall be added to the amount assessed, in addition to interest as hereinbefore provided, and any other penalties provided by this ordinance, a sum equivalent to five per cent (5%) of the tax.

Section 9.19. If any dealer against whom taxes have been assessed under the provisions of this ordinance, shall refuse or neglect to pay such taxes within the time prescribed in this ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Director, or his duly authorized representative who is charged with the enforcement of collection of such taxes, to enforce collection of such taxes, together with such interest and other additional amounts as are added by law, by distraint and sale of property or rights to property belonging to the delinquent dealer.

Section 9.20. Any dealer who shall neglect, fail or refuse to collect the tax as provided in Sections 4.01 through 4.10 of this ordinance, upon any, every and all retail sales made by him, or his agent, or employee, which is subject to tax, shall be liable for and pay the tax himself.

Section 9.21. For any one of the following violations, in addition to being liable for the other penalties provided herein, the party named shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or imprisonment in jail for not more than three (3) months, or both, in the discretion of the court:

- (1) any person who as a purchaser is obligated to report and pay the tax imposed upon any purchase made by him under Sections 4.01 through 4.10 of this ordinance, and who fails, neglects, and refuses to file a return thereof with the Director, and pay the tax imposed thereon, within the time stated after such sale is made;
- (2) any dealer who shall fail, neglect or refuse to collect the tax as provided in Sections 4.01 through 4.10 of this ordinance, whether by himself or through his agents or employees.
- (3) any dealer violating the provisions of Sections 9.05 and 9.06 or this ordinance;
- (4) any dealer who fails to permit an inspection of records by the Director as provided in Section 7.01 of this ordinance;

- (5) any wholesale dealer or jobber in this Parish who fails to keep records, or fails to permit an inspection thereof by the Director as provided in Section 7.03 of this ordinance;
 - (6) any dealer, wholesale dealer or jobber who violates the provisions of Sections 4.04 and 4.05 of this ordinance;
 - (7) any dealer who violates the provisions of Section 7.02 of this ordinance;
 - (8) any dealer failing or refusing to furnish any return as provided in Section 6.01 through 6.06 of this ordinance, or failing or refusing to furnish a supplemental return or other data required by the Director;
 - (9) any dealer required to make, render, sign or verify and return, as provided in Sections 6.01 through 6.06 of this ordinance, who makes a false or fraudulent return, with intent to evade a tax hereby levied;
 - (10) the president, executive officers, managers and directors of any corporation, who shall violate the provisions of Section 9.22 of this ordinance; provided that such fine and imprisonment shall not prevent other action against the corporation as otherwise provided in this ordinance for the recovery of the tax, interest and penalties that may be due; and
 - (11) any person who shall violate any other provisions of this ordinance, punishment for which is not otherwise herein provided.

Section 9.22. No corporation organized under the laws of this State shall hereafter be dissolved, or effect a merger, reorganization, or consolidation under any law of this State by the action of the stockholders or by the decree of any court until all taxes, fees, penalties and interest imposed on the corporation in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance shall have been paid in full. No foreign corporation which has obtained authority from the State to transact business in this Parish may surrender such authority and withdraw from this State until all taxes, fees, penalties, interest and other charges imposed upon said corporation in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance shall have been fully paid.

Section 9.23. Any person or dealer who shall fail to pay any tax levied by this ordinance on or before the day when such tax shall be required by this ordinance to be paid, shall pay in addition to the tax, interest on the tax at the rate specified in Section 9.03 of this ordinance, for each month or fraction thereof that the tax remains unpaid, to be calculated from the date the tax was originally due to the date of actual payment.

In addition, such person or dealer, shall pay the special penalty or penalties provided by this ordinance.

Section 9.24. All penalties and interest imposed by this ordinance shall be payable to and recoverable by this Taxing Authority in the same manner as if they were part of the tax imposed. If the failure to pay any such tax when due is explained to the satisfaction of the Director, he may remit or waive payment of the whole or any part of any penalty, and may remit and waive payment of any interest charge in excess of the rate of one per cent (1%) per month.

REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Section 10.01. In the event purchases are returned to the dealer by the purchaser or consumer after the tax imposed by this ordinance has been collected or charged to the account of the consumer or user, the dealer shall be entitled to reimbursement of the amount of tax so collected or charged by him, in the manner perscribed by the Director and in case the tax has not been remitted by the dealer to this Taxing Authority, the dealer may deduct the same in submitting his return. Upon receipt of a sworn statement of the dealer as to the gross amount of such refunds during the period covered by such sworn statement, which period shall not be longer than ninety (90) days, this Taxing Authority, through the Director, shall issue to the dealer an official credit memorandum equal to the net amount remitted by the dealer for such tax collected, such memorandum shall be accepted by this Taxing Authority at full face value from the dealer to whom it is issued, in the remittance for subsequent taxes accrued under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 10.02. Any individual who suffers the loss of tangible personal property as a result of a natural disaster subsequently determined to warrant assistance by the federal government may file a claim with the Director on such forms as the Director may prescribe and accompanied by such proof of loss as the Director may require, by rules and regulations established by him, for a refund of the tax imposed by this ordinance paid by the claimant upon any retail purchase made by him within two calendar years after the occurrence of the natural disaster causing such loss for the replacement of the tangible personal property so lost. The claim for such sales tax refund shall be allowed for tax paid on the purchase of building materials purchased for the repair or replacement of one but only one dwelling and one but only one place of business and shall only be allowed if the materials were purchased and paid for by the claimant from a retail dealer for repair or replacement of the individual claimant's losses in such dwelling or place of business.

Section 10.03. If any dealer shall have given to the Director notice within the time provided in Section 10.01, of this ordinance, such dealer thereafter, at any time within two (2) years after the payment of any original or additional tax assessed against him, may file with the Director a claim under oath for refund, in such form as the Director may prescribe, stating the grounds thereof. However, no claim for refund shall be required or permitted to be filed with respect to a tax paid, after protest has been filed with the Director as hereinafter provided, or after proceeding on appeal has been finally determined.

Section 10.04. If, upon examination of such claim for refund, it shall be determined by the Director that there has been an overpayment of tax, the amount of such overpayment shall be credited against any liability of any dealer under this ordinance, and if there be no such liability, the said dealer shall be entitled to a refund of the tax so overpaid. If the Director shall reject the claim for refund in whole or in part he shall make an order accordingly and serve notice upon such dealer.

Section 10.05. Where no question of fact or law is involved, and it appears from the records of this Taxing Authority that any moneys have been erroneously or illegally collected from any dealer, or have been paid by any dealer under a mistake of fact or law, the Director may, at any time within two (2) years of payment, upon making a record in writing of his reasons therefor, certify that any dealer is entitled to such refund and thereupon the Director shall authorize the payment thereof from any appropriation available for such purposes.

Section 10.06. When, to secure compliance with any of the provisions of this ordinance any moneys shall have been deposited with this Taxing Authority by any dealer, and shall have been paid over to this Taxing Authority and the Director shall be satisfied that such dealer has fully complied with all such provisions, the Director shall so certify and authorize re-payment from any appropriations available for such purpose to such dealer of such moneys, or such part thereof as the Director shall certify has not been applied by him to the satisfaction of any indebtedness arising under this ordinance.

REMEDIES OF THE DEALER

Section 11.01. A right of action is hereby created to afford a remedy at law for any dealer aggrieved by the provisions of this ordinance; and in case of any such dealer resisting the payment of any amount found due, or the enforcement of any provisions of such laws in relation thereto, such dealer shall pay the amount found due by the Director and shall give the Director notice, at the time, of his intention to file suit for the recovery of the same; and upon receipt of such notice the amount so paid shall be segregated and held by the Director for a period of thirty (30) days; and if suit be filed within such time for recovery of such amount, such funds so segregated shall be further held, pending the outcome of such suit. If the dealer prevails, the Director shall refund the amount to the claimant, with interest at the rate of two per cent (2%) per annum covering the period from the date the said funds were received by this Taxing Authority to the date of refund.

Section 11.02. This section shall afford a legal remedy and right of action in any State, City or Federal court having jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter, for a full and complete adjudication of any and all questions arising in the enforcement of this ordinance, as to the legality of any tax accrued or accruing or the method of enforcement thereof. In such actions service shall be upon the Director.

Section 11.03. This section shall be construed to provide a legal remedy in the State, City or Federal courts, by action of law, in case such taxes are claimed to be an unlawful burden upon interstate commerce, or the collection thereof, in violation of any Act of Congress or the United States Constitution, or the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, or in any case where jurisdiction is vested in any of the courts of the United States; provided that upon request of the dealer and upon proper showing by such dealer that the principal of law involved in an additional assessment is already pending before the courts for judicial determination, the said dealer, up

agreement to abide by the decision of the courts may pay the additional assessment under protest, but need not file an additional suit. In such cases the tax so paid under protest shall be segregated and held by the Director until the question of law involved has been determined by the courts and shall then be disposed of as therein provided.

Section 11.04. If any dealer shall be aggrieved by any finding or assessment of the Director, he may within thirty (30) days of the receipt of notice of the assessment or finding, file a protest in writing signed by him or his duly authorized agent, which shall be under oath and shall set forth the reasons therefor, and he may request a hearing. Thereafter, the Director shall grant a hearing to such dealer, if a hearing has been requested, and may make an order confirming, modifying or vacating any such finding or assessment. The filing of any such protest shall not abate any penalty for non-payment nor shall it stay the right of the Director to collect the tax in any manner herein provided, unless the dealer shall furnish security of a kind and in an amount satisfactory to the Director. Appeals from the decision of the Director shall be direct to any State, City or Federal Court of competent jurisdiction as provided for in Section 11.02.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 12.01. The Director is hereby authorized and empowered to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as he may deem necessary in administering the provisions of this ordinance and other policies or procedures which may be hereafter established by this Taxing Authority.

Section 12.02. The Director shall have the power to make and publish reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this ordinance or the laws and the Constitution of this State or of the United States, for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and the collection of the revenues and penalties imposed by this ordinance.

Section 12.03. The Director shall design, prepare, print and furnish to all dealers or make available to said dealers, all necessary forms for filing returns, and instructions to insure a full collection from dealers and an accounting for the taxes due, but failure of any dealer to secure such forms shall not relieve such dealer from the payment of said taxes at the time and in the manner herein provided.

Section 12.04. The cost of preparing and distributing the report forms and paraphernalia for the collection of said tax, and of the inspection and enforcement duties required herein, shall be borne out of appropriations by this Taxing Authority as provided in Section 13.02 of this ordinance.

Section 12.05. In any case where tangible personal property is sold at retail under a contract providing for such retail sale, made and entered into prior to the effective date of this ordinance and containing the sale price, and delivery is made after the effective date of this ordinance, and such sale is taxable under this ordinance, the seller shall add the tax imposed by said ordinance to said sale price, and collect it from the buyer.

The provisions of this section shall also apply where such tangible personal property is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, stored, leased or rented, and where services taxable hereunder are contracted for before the effective date of this ordinance, but are actually furnished after the effective date hereof.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to tangible personal property actually imported or caused to be imported into, or stored within, the territorial limits of this Parish prior to the effective date of this ordinance, if the said tangible personal property is actually used or consumed by the person who imported and stored said tangible personal property.

Section 12.06. It shall be lawful for the Director, or any deputy by him duly designated, to receive the written oath of any person signing any application, deposition, statement, or report required by the Director in the administration of this ordinance.

Section 12.07. The Director, or any deputy by him duly designated, may conduct hearings, and have administered and examined under oath any dealer and the directors, officers, agents and employees of any dealer, and any other witnesses, relative to the business of such dealer in respect to any matter incident to the administration of this ordinance. Such examinations or hearings shall be at a time convenient to the dealer within fourteen (14) days after requested by the Director in writing.

Section 12.08. Any notice required to be given by the Director pursuant to this ordinance, may be given by personal service on the dealer for whom it is intended, or be mailed to the dealer for whom it is intended, addressed to such dealer at the address given in the last report filed by him pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, or if no report has been filed, then to such address as may be obtainable. The mailing of such notice shall be presumptive evidence of its receipt by the dealer to whom it is addressed.

Section 12.09. The Director shall keep acrecord of all of the official acts, and shall preserve copies of all rules, decisions and orders made by him and by any deputy of his department or division in charge of the collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance. Copies of such rules, decisions, or orders and of any paper or papers filed in any office maintained by him in the administration of this ordinance, may be authenticated under his official signature, and when so authenticated shall be evidence in all Courts of the State of the same weight and force as the original thereof. For authenticating any such copy, he shall be paid a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited in the "Parish Sales Tax Fund."

Section 12.10. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to deprive the dealer of any remedy in the review of any tax, or in any proceedings to collect the tax given such dealer by any other law, or to deprive this Taxing Authority of any remedy for the enforcement of this ordinance through any procedure or remedies expressly provided in this ordinance imposing the tax herein levied or any other law, nor shall this ordinance be construed as repealing or altering any such laws or ordinance.

Section 12.11. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be held invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be so declared invalid.

Section 12.12. The tax levied herein is declared to be supplemental and in addition to all other taxes levied by and under the authority of this Taxing Authority of any kind or nature.

Section 12.13. This ordinance may be cited or otherwise referred to as the "Lafayette Parish Sales and Use Tax Ordinance".

DISPOSITION OF TAX PROCEEDS AND REVENUES

Section 13.01. It is hereby recognized that the Parish Tax will be collected and administered on behalf of this Taxing Authority by the Sales Tax Division of the Lafayette Parish School Board pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Joint Agreement for Collection of Sales and Use Taxes to be made and entered into between the Lafayette Parish Police Jury and the Lafayette Parish School Board. Until the termination of such Agreement, the Director of the Sales and Use Tax Division of the School Board shall be considered as the "Director" described in Section 1.05 of this ordinance. All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, monies, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Director, as an agent of this Taxing Authority, under any provision or provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deposited daily by the Director for the account of this Taxing Authority in a special fund designated "Sales Tax Collection Receipts Account", which fund shall be a separate bank account established and maintained by the Director; provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Director pending the final determination of the protest of litigation.

Section 13.02. Out of the Parish Tax funds on deposit in said "Sales Tax Collection Receipts Account" the Director shall reimburse the Lafayette Parish School Board for all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of administering and collecting the Parish Tax and administering the provisions of this Ordinance as well as the various administrative and enforcement procedures established in said ordinance, all in compliance with the provisions of said Joint Agreement for Collection of Sales and Use Taxes. Such costs and expenses shall include by way of illustration but not of limitation, all necessary costs and expenses incurred for supplies, operation and maintenance of vehicles, office equipment and electric data processing machines, printing, postage, rent, salaries, legal services, utilities, office space and other related items. The Director shall keep a detailed record of costs and expenses so paid which shall be reported by the Director monthly to this Taxing Authority.

Section 13.03. Monthly, after the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the collection and administration of the tax have been paid as provided for in Section 13.02, the remaining portion the Parish Tax collected pursuant to this Ordinance during the preceeding month shall be paid by the Director to this Taxing Authority for deposit in the General Fund of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 14.01. This ordinance shall be published in one (1) issue of the official journal of this Taxing Authority as soon as possible and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 14.02. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records of the Parish.

YEAS: Pitt, Leger, Lalanne, Menard, Begnaud, Mouton, Breaux, Domingue, Broussard, Stemmans, Broussard, Arceneaux, Campbell & Comeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: U. B. Landry

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the <u>25th</u> day of May , 1972.

Secretary	President



Internal Memorandum

Traffic & Transportation Department

Office of the Director (5900)

TO: Jay Castille

DATE: December 20, 2012

THRU:

Dee Stanley

FROM: Tony Tramel

SUBJ: CITY AND PARISH OF LAFAYETTE RESCISSION OF VENDOR COMPENSATION FOR

COLLECTION OF SALES TAX

Amendment to Code of Ordinances Sections 82:142 and 82:350

Proposed Ordinance for Introduction on January 22, 2013

BACKGROUND

The voters of the City of Lafayette approved an annual 1% sales tax in 1961 and in 1985 for a total sales tax of 2%. The 1961 and 1985 ordinances are: City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593 and No. 2901, respectively. The voters of Lafayette Parish also approved Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259 which imposed a 1% sales tax for the unincorporated area of the Parish in 1972. Copies of these ordinances are attached for ease of reference.

Sales taxes, as you may know, are collected through an agreement with the Lafayette School Board. These sales taxes are collected at the point of sale and are remitted by the various vendors to Carl Meche, Sales Tax Director, of the Lafayette Parish School System Sales Tax Division.

ANALYSIS

City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593 (1961 City Sales Tax) states, (added emphasis by use of bold letters provided), the following:

Section 4.10 - "For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for remitting the tax levied by this ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed two percent (2%) of the amount of tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Finance of the City in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him if the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment."

City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 5901 (1985 City Sales Tax) states the following:

Section 5.0 - "That the one percent (1%) tax levied hereby shall be collected by the Director of Administration of the City through the Sales Tax Division of the Lafayette Parish School Board in the same manner and under the procedure prescribed for the collection of the 1961 tax levied by the City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax Ordinance as amended.

Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259 (1972 Parish Sales Tax) states the following:

<u>Section 4.10</u> - "For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by this ordinance, **each dealer shall be allowed two percent (2%) of the amount of tax due** and accounted for and remitted to the Director in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him if the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment."

It appears the 2% rebate provision to vendors was included in the original ordinances to appease the retail community, regarding their effort to collect, administer and remit the approved sales tax. Specifically, 2% of the total sales tax collected by each vendor is to be rebated to the business, if the sales tax is provided in a timely manner to the Lafayette Parish School System Sales Tax Division.

Recent opinions from our City-Parish attorneys indicate government cannot donate anything of value to others, which raises the question as to why/how LCG can rebate/donate sales tax dollars to local businesses, notwithstanding the approved original ordinances which permits this action.

The following organizations have removed/amended their ordinance/regulations to eliminate 2% rebate provisions relates to collections within their jurisdictions as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	Year Removed 2%		
·	Rebate		
School Board	1994		
City of Youngsville	1999		
City of Carencro	2011		
City of Scott	2011		

Estimates prepared by Carl Meche's office indicate the amount of rebates provided to businesses for the City and the unincorporated portions of Lafayette Parish are as follows for the 12 month period of January 2011 through December 2011:

City and Parish of Lafayette Vendor Compensation for 2/1/2011 – 1/31/2012						
Collection Month-Yr	Lafayette (City) 1961 @ 2%	Lafayette (City) 1985 @ 2%	Lafayette (Parish) 1972 @ 1%	Totals		
February-11	\$54,084	\$45,401	\$6,944	\$99,485		
March-11	\$56,232	\$47,442	\$7,693	\$103,674		
April-11	\$70,564	\$60,583	\$7,988	\$131,147		
May-11	\$59,745	\$50,789	\$8,298	\$110,534		
June-11	\$60,354	\$51,391	\$8,022	\$111,745		
July-11	\$68,417	\$57,968	\$9,963	\$126,385		
August-11	\$58,079	\$49,281	\$8,805	\$107,360		
September-11	\$61,145	\$51,799	\$9,332	\$112,944		
October-11	\$65,596	\$55,541	\$9,048	\$121,137		
November-11	\$61,815	\$52,467	\$9,635	\$114,282		
December-11	\$63,392	\$53,812	\$8,431	\$117,204		
January-12	\$84,267	\$73,278	\$10,148	\$157,545		
Totals	\$763,690	\$649,752	\$104,307	\$1,517,749		

This schedule reflects the sales periods January 2011 through December 2011.

The vendor compensation rate currently allowed for timely filing and payment by each ordinance is 2%.

Data taken from Lafayette Parish School System, Sales Tax Division 7-May-12

RECOMMENDATION

Since LCG is seeking to review and examine expenditures and revenues, it appears prudent to consider eliminating the 2% vendor rebate for timely remittance sections associated with City of Lafayette Ordinances No. 593 and No. 2901, as well as, Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259. Additionally, it could be argued this 2% vendor rebate is an actual donation of tax funds which is contrary to recent City-Parish Attorney opinions.

It is, therefore, recommended LCG follow the actions of the School Board, the City of Youngsville, the City of Carencro, and the City of Scott by rescinding this 2% vendor compensation. This can be accomplished by rescinding/deleting Sections 82:142 and 82:350, respectively, from the Lafayette City-Parish Code of Ordinances. This action is projected to provide an additional \$1.4 million in revenue annually for the City of Lafayette and \$104,000 in revenue annually for the Parish of Lafayette. Please forward the attached proposed ordinance for Council introduction on January 22, 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you.

Tony R. Tramel, P.E., P.T.O.E.
Director of Traffic & Tranportation

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Attachments

LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1)	JUSTIFICA	ATION FOR REQUEST: An Ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending
the	Lafayette (City-Parish Code of Ordinances by deleting Chapter 82 Taxation, Article III City of
La	fayette Sales	and Use Tax, Division 4 Collection, Section 142 Compensation of dealers for collecting
tax	and Chapte	er 82 Taxation, Article IV Parish Sales and Use Tax, Division 4 Collection by Dealer,
Sec	ction 350 Co	mpensation of Dealers for collecting tax.
2)	ACTION F	REQUESTED: Adoption of Ordinance
3)	COUNCIL	DISTRICT(S) (if applicable): N/A
4)	REQUEST	ED ACTION OF COUNCIL:
	A) IN	TRODUCTION: January 22, 2013
	B) FI	NAL ADOPTION: February 5, 2013
5)	DOCUME	NTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:
	A)	Cover Memo from Director
	B)	Submittal Form
	C)	Ordinance
	D)	City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 593 (1961 1% Sales Tax)
	E)	City of Lafayette Ordinance No. 2901 (1985 1% Sales Tax)
	F)	Parish of Lafayette Ordinance No. 259 (1972 1% Sales Tax)
6)	FISCAL II	MPACT:
	X	Fiscal Impact (Explain) - Anticipated increase in revenue for the City of Lafayette in the amount of \$1.4 million annually and for the Parish of Lafayette in the amount of \$104,000 annually. No Fiscal Impact

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